

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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VISA FREE ENTRY

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has sent any proposals to Myanmar for visa free entry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes would be allowed to travel without passports;
- (d) whether it is also being proposed to increase the area of visa free entry;
- (e) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (f) the areas in kilometers which is open for visa free entry at present?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a to f) The indigenous tribals inhabiting areas adjacent to the India-Myanmar land border have traditionally enjoyed visa free movement across the frontier. While India provides this up to 40 kms. in its territory, Myanmar has been allowing this only up to 16 kms. An MoU on the above issue is currently being discussed by the two countries.