

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1939  
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2006  
LIBERALISING VISA POLICY  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to liberalize the visa policy to promote foreign tourism;
- (b) if so, the details in this regards; and
- (c) the number of visa applications received and the number out of them cleared during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) the time by which the visa policy is likely to be liberalized?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b) No, Sir. The existing tourist visa regime is already quite liberal.
- (c) The information is being collected from Indian Missions/Posts abroad and will be laid on the table of the House when received.
- (d) The question does not arise.