

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to ease visa regulations for tourists from abroad by out sourcing the visa issuing process to private agencies;
- (b) if so, whether US, UK and Australia have Outsourced their visa centres for Indian tourists to private companies in Indian cities;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to appoint private agencies in these cities to dispense with the processing of visas by outsourcing; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a): Yes Sir, but as a Pilot Project in London only to begin with .
- (b): As per information gathered from local Embassies/ High Commissions of US, UK and Australia in Delhi, certain visa related services viz. dissemination of information/appointments/collection of application form have been outsourced by them.
- (c) & (d): No such proposal is under consideration at present.