

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3226  
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INCENTIVES TO FOREIGN TOURISTS  
Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has recently given some incentives to the tourists of certain countries to boost tourism in India ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) The names of the countries in this regard ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a),(b)&(c) : The Ministry of Home Affairs has decided to grant Long -Term Tourist Visa of a five year duration, with multi entry facilities to the nationals of 18 countries, namely France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Belgium, Finland, Spain, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Vietnam. This Long -Term visa carries stay stipulation of 90 days on each visit.