

# Indian Govt. to issue visa on arrival to citizens of 18 countries

The Indian government is considering a proposal for providing visa on arrival to citizens of 18 countries from October 2009. These foreigners will also be allowed to avail of a multiple visa with five-year validity at the airport. The government is currently in talks with other countries for enabling Indian nationals to get multiple entry visas on a reciprocal basis.

Visa on arrival will be available to citizens of the US, Japan, France,

Germany, New Zealand, Belgium, Spain, Sweden, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Finland, South Korea, Vietnam, Chile, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil and the UK. This visa on arrival scheme is likely to be extended to other countries where Indian travellers already enjoy a similar facility, such as Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Maldives, the Philippines and Hong Kong. The liberal visa rules are being considered to facilitate business visits to India and boost foreign investment.

