

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SALE OF FAKE PASSPORTS AND VISAS .
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that fake passports and visas are being sold and purchased by anti-social elements in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of persons arrested during each of the last three years, till date, State-wise; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government to curb such practices in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

- (a) From time to time concerned agencies eg police, emigration checkpoints etc. detect cases of fake passports and visas.
- (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.
- (c) Improvements in the security features of Indian passports and visa stickers to minimize tampering are undertaken on a continuing basis. The concerned law enforcement agencies also remain vigilant to curb such practices in the country.