

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the entire North East there is only one Passport Office situated in Guwahati;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to open a Regional Passport Office in each of the North Eastern State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b),(c) and (d) It is the endeavor of the Government to extend passport issue facilities to every State in India including the North-Eastern States. Staff constraints need to be addressed and administrative modalities need to be worked out before new Passport Offices are opened.