

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1576
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2000
LINKING OF PASSPORT OFFICES WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT
JASWANT SINGH YADAV;PUSP JAIN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to connect the Passport Offices with the Police Department;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Passport Offices targetted to be linked;
- (d) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (e) the number of regional Passport Offices proposed to be set up by the Government in the country during the year 2000-2001;
- (f) whether the Government propose to provide travel related documents for passengers going abroad at the Airport itself; and
- g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

- a) Yes Sir. The Government has proposed on a pilot basis to seek faster communication of police reports in some States through on line connectivity.
- b) The proposal is to have police reports provided through on line exchange of messages between the Passport Office and the Police Department.
- c) At the pilot stage the project has been taken up at the Passport Office, Hyderabad.
- d) No significant expenditure is foreseen as hardware is already available with the Passport Office and Andhra Pradesh police authorities.
- e) Government does not propose to open any new Passport Office during the year.
- f) No, Sir.
- g) Does not arise.