

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DUAL PASSPORT SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a dual passport system for girls married to Non-Resident Indians (NRIs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the modalities being worked out in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has consulted all the stake holders in the matter;
- (e) if so, the response received by the Government from them in this regard; and
- (f) the time by which the said system is likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) No. Under the Passports Act, a person can hold only one passport. A person needs entry/residence visa to stay in a foreign country which is affixed on the passport and is recognized internationally. In case, a passport is lost or retained by any authorized person including estranged husband, the Indian Mission can issue a duplicate passport on request.

(b) to (f) Not applicable.