

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PASSPORT IN THREE DAYS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to deliver passports to the applicants within three days under general scheme and on the same day under Tatkal Scheme in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend the facilities in other States also;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the likely timeframe by which the said schemes will start; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (e) The Government has launched the Passport Seva Project at four Pilot sites in Karnataka on May 28, 2010 under the jurisdiction of Regional Passport Office, Bangalore. This will be followed by launch at three Pilot sites (Chandigarh, Ambala and Ludhiana) under the jurisdiction of Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh. Following validation of the Pilot projects, the remaining 70 Passport Seva Kendras will be established across the country in a phased manner. Under the Passport Seva Project Scheme, the time target schedule for issue of passport under normal and Tatkal category is at ANNEXURE I.