

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:312  
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E PASSPORT  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to introduce e-passport system from current year, on the basis of successful completion of e-passport pilot project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plan to issue e-passports to all applicants, who are applying for passports from next year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) Government is evaluating the feasibility of the e-passport project for ordinary category passport.