

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3045
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2011
UPGRADATION OF IMMIGRATION SERVICES
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal/project to modernise and upgrade immigration services in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated for the project; and
- (c) the time by which the project is likely to be taken up/completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3045 for 15.3.2011

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. To modernize and upgrade immigration services in the country the Government is implementing Mission Mode Project (MMP).

Modernization and up-gradation of Immigration services in the country is a Mission Mode Project (MMP) undertaken by the Ministry of Home Affairs under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP). The MMP is titled 'Immigration, Visa and Foreigners Registration & Tracking (IVFRT)'. This project will develop a secure and integrated service delivery framework to enhance security and facilitation in the visa issuance process, strengthen the immigration function besides strengthening the Foreigners Registration process for effective tracking of foreigners.

The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1011 crore. It is being implemented in a planned and phased manner and is spread over a period of 4½ years, i.e. w.e.f. April, 2010 to September, 2014. With the implementation of this project, all the 169 Indian Missions across the globe, 77 Immigration Check Posts (ICPs), and the Foreigners Regional Registration Offices (FRROs)/Foreigners Registration Office (FROs) in the country would be linked with the Central Foreigners Bureau (CFB).