

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3657  
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ILLEGAL SALE OF INDIAN PASSPORTS  
Mahajan Smt. Sumitra

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether cases of illegal sale of Indian passports have come to light from countries like America;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons held for their involvement in it; and
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard by the Government of India?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c) A few cases of alleged forgery of Indian passports in the United States of America have been brought to the notice of the Government by the immigration and police authorities in Delhi. The concerned authorities have initiated the process to investigate the matter in order to apprehend the culprits.