

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TATKAL PASSPORTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing criteria for issuing passports under 'tatkal' scheme in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to further reduce the period for issue of passports under tatkal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to receive passport applications online; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Tatkaal Scheme was introduced on 1.1.2000 to provide a transparent and systematic avenue to applicants for issue of passports in a time bound manner in urgent cases. However, no supporting documentation is required to be submitted by the applicant to prove the urgency. Under the scheme, passport applications are processed on post-police verification basis (where required) to enable the Passport Issuing Authorities to issue fresh passports within 1-7 days from the date of submission of application subject to no adverse information being found in the database during the processing of the applications. Re-issue of passports under the Tatkaal Scheme is being done in three working days. Tatkaal applications should be accompanied by a Verification Certificate from one of the issuing authorities or three identity documents out of 16 notified by the Ministry. An additional fee of Rs. 1500/- is required to be paid for the Tatkaal Service.

(b) & (c) There is no proposal under consideration to further reduce the period of issue of passports under the Tatkaal category.

(c) & (e) The provision of online submission of passport application is already operational in all Passport Offices in India. The District Passport Cells and Speed Post Centres have also been allowed to file applications online and transfer the data to the Passport Offices to facilitate speedy delivery of passports. This facility has been further upgraded under the Passport Seva Project (PSP).