

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DEPUTATION TO PASSPORT OFFICES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to appoint staff on deputation to the passport offices in the country to meet the shortage; and
(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Passport Offices are manned by officers and staff belonging to the Central Passport Organization, a subordinate office within the Ministry of External Affairs. While the officials under the category of Group 'B' and 'C' are borne on the strength of the Central Passport Organization, some of the posts at Group 'A' level i.e. Passport Officer, Deputy Passport Officer and Assistant Passport Officer are filled up on deputation basis as per the Recruitment Rules. These posts are filled up in the following manner:

S.No.	Post	Total number of posts in grade	Method of Recruitment
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| 1. | Passport Officer | 17 | 70% by promotion, failing which by deputation
30 % by deputation |
| 2. | Deputy Passport Officer | 71 | 70% by promotion, failing which by deputation
30 % by deputation |
| 3. | Assistant Passport Officer | 135 | 75% by promotion.
25 % by deputation. |