

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether issuing of Passports under the tatkal scheme are being delayed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last one year and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken measures to ensure issue of passports under tatkal within the given timeframe and their speedy delivery to the applicants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government has evolved the Tatkal scheme to issue passports to citizens in an expedited manner (after liberalizing the requirement of documents and within the basic parameters of security consideration) to issue fresh passports within 1-7 days, and re-issue passports within 3(three) working days from the date of submission of the application. Under the scheme, passport applications are processed on post-police verification basis (where required) upon submission of the verification certificate subject to no adverse information found in the system during the processing of the applications. Since passports are issued on post-police verification basis, the genuineness of the verification certificate is checked for reasons of security through telephone, fax and e-mail. Late or non-receipt of confirmation of the issue of verification certificate sometimes leads to delay in issuance of Tatkal passports.

(c) & (d) The scheme was further liberalized in 2006 wherein no proof of urgency is required now for out-of-turn issue of passports under the Tatkal Scheme. There was also an expansion of the list of officials authorized to issue verification certificate.

Under the Passport Seva Project, there will be a speedier delivery of services. The Passport Seva Project will result in the dispatch of tatkal passport within 1-2 working days excluding the date of submission.