

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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SPEED POST PASSPORT SERVICE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has introduced Speed Post Passport Service in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the sailent features;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for expansion of the said service;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Speed Post Passport Service was launched on March 09, 2001 in a collaborative arrangement with Ministry of External Affairs to assist Indian citizens in obtaining passports. The Department of Posts has identified 1154 post offices across the country to provide this service to the citizens. Under this Scheme, the identified post office sells passport application forms, accepts the completed passport application forms, checks the completed passport application forms with reference to prescribed check list, forwards them to passport office and delivers the passports issued by the passport office to the applicants.

The State-wise list list of Post offices providing Speed Post Passport Service is given in the Annexure.

(c) to (e) Expansion of Speed Post Passport Service is an ongoing process and it is done in consultation with Ministry of External Affairs assessing the requirements of the people.