

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PASSPORT MELA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of applicants who have applied for issue of passports are facing lot of difficulties in getting their appointments in Passport Sewa Kendras (PSKs) and also in getting their passports ;
- (b) if so, whether various passport offices in the country have organised passport melas recently ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the number of applications received and disposed off in those melas;
- (d) whether it is proposed to conduct more such melas in various parts of the country in the near future:
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) With the view to address difficulties faced by citizens in obtaining appointments and to meet increased demand for passport services during summer, Passport melas have been organised by 24 Passport Offices since 23rd June 2012. During the Melas organised from 23rd June 2012 to 20th November, 2012, 33,584 passport applications have been received out of which 25,408 passport services have been rendered. The balance 8,176 applications are at various stages of processing for issue of passports. Details of Passport Melas are enclosed.

(d) to (f) Passport Melas will continue to be organised in future based on demand for passport services.