

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:593  
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DIPLOMATIC BAGGAGE STOLEN  
Singh Shri Dushyant

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether an Indian diplomatic baggage with visa stickers was stolen during transit at the airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to prevent misuse of the stickers; and
- (c) the steps taken to retrieve the bag?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Yes.

(b) On 3 September 2012, the High Commission of India, London was informed that four Diplomatic Bags, including three bags containing 6,000 visa stickers, were stolen while in transit from Heathrow Airport in London to the High Commission of India in London. The lost visa stickers were part of a consignment of 50,000 visa stickers sent to the High Commission of India, London.

(c) A case has been registered at the concerned police station in London. In addition, as soon as the incident came to notice, all authorities concerned in India were informed. Suitable action has been taken to prevent any misuse of visa stickers.