# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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STATUS OF IVFRT
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) the objectives and the present status of the implementation of the Mission Mode Project on Immigration, Visa and Foreigners` Registration and Tracking (IVFRT);

(b) the number of Indian Missions across the globe, Immigration check posts and Foreigners Regional Registration Offices linked so far; and

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilised, so far in this regard?

# <span style="color:red">Answer</span>

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): The Ministry of Home Affairs is implementing Mission Mode Project (MMP) on Immigration, Visa and Foreigners' Registration & Tracking (IVFRT). This project aims to develop a secure and integrated service delivery framework to enhance security and facilitation in the visa issuance process, strengthen the immigration function besides fortifying the Foreigners Registration Process for effective tracking of the foreigners. It is being implemented in a planned and phased manner and is spread over a period of 4½ years, i.e. w.e.f. April, 2010 to September, 2014. With the implementation of this project, all the Indian Missions across the globe, Immigration Check Posts (ICPs), and the Foreigners Regional Registration Offices (FRROs)/Foreigners Registration Offices (FROs) in the country would be linked with the Central Foreigners Bureau (CFB).

The envisaged outcomes from this MMP interalia include:

i) Authentication of traveller's identity at the Missions, Immigration Check Posts (ICPs) and Foreigners Registration Offices (FROs) through use of intelligent document scanners and biometrics;

ii) Online registration of foreigners at the time of grant of visa and automated updation of the particulars of the foreigners at entry and exit points;

iii) Availability of a centralized system for sharing of information across the concerned Agencies about foreign travellers;

iv) Improved tracking of foreigners by integrating and sharing information captured during visa issuance at Missions, during immigration check at ICPs, and during registration at FRRO/FROs. The following major activities have been completed under the Project:

i) More secure visa stickers have been introduced in IVFRT compliant Indian Missions. The new visa sticker has additional security features.

ii) Visa Support Centre has been established to assist Missions in resolving day-to-day operational issues. Support centre has been operationalized in Bureau of Immigration for providing operational, managerial and technical (including software related matters) support to all Immigration check posts ICPs/ FRROs/ FROs.

(b): Integrated online visa application system for visa applicants has been implemented in 106 Indian Missions abroad (as on 20.2.2013). Software development for online FRRO registration is complete. The front end and backend software has been introduced in the 7 FRROs, viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Amritsar, Chennai and Hyderabad. Installation of computer hardware and ICS software has been completed in the 78 ICPs. 74 ICPs are now connected with the Central Foreigners Bureau (CFB).

(c): The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1011 crore and till 31.01.2013, Rs. 53.37 crore has been spent. The funds allocated and utilized under the IVFRT Scheme is as under:

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Year  Funds allocated  Funds utilized
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2010-11  15.00 Crore  12.99 Crore


2011-12  40.76 Crore  19.70 Crore


2012-13  34.00 Crore  20.68 Crore
        (Till 31.1.2013)


Total  89.76 Crore  53.37 Crore
        (Till 31.1.2013)
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