

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2291
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2013
IRREGULARITIES IN PASSPORT OFFICE
Biju Shri P. K.,Sampath Shri Anirudhan

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether alleged corruption and irregularities in issuing passports have come to the notice of the Government from Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any probe has been conducted in the matter and if so, the details and the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Some reports of minor procedural irregularities at Passport Offices in Mallapuram and Kozhikode were brought to the notice of the Government. A fact finding team was deputed by the Ministry. Their report of the team did not find any irregularities as alleged. The matter was closed after the Central Vigilance Commission agreed to the report of the Ministry.