

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4361
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2009
IRREGULARITIES IN LUCKNOW PASSPORT OFFICE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cases of irregularities in issuing the passports by the Regional Passport Office, Lucknow have come to light;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some passports have been issued to Pakistani citizens by the said office during the last five years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;
- (f) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against the culprits;
- (g) whether such rackets of making fake passport through illegal means are operating in other cities of the country as well; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) & (d) A passport was issued to one Syed Amir Ali in 2005 by the Passport Office Lucknow on receipt of a clear police verification report. Recently it was reported that he is actually a Pakistani citizen.
- (e) & (f) Investigation is being carried out by the Police.
- (g) & (h) A case of Sri Lankan nationals obtaining passports from Passport Office Channai/Trichy has come to the notice and the matter is under investigation by the police.