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LOK SABHA**

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ONLINE PASSPORT APPLICATION THROUGH POST OFFICES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched online passport application service through the post offices on payment of fees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the States in which the said service has been introduced;
- (c) whether Government proposes to introduce the said services in every State including Rajasthan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said service is likely to be introduced throughout the country; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) & (b): A few Post Offices in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu Postal Circles/States have started the facility of online data entry of passport applications on payment of fee in co-ordination with Regional Passport Offices concerned.
- (c) & (d): There is no proposal of the Department of Posts to extend this facility in other States at present.
- (e): This is a pilot project.