

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Express Passport Service
Khuba Shri Bhagwanth

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to introduce express passport service;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the Government is likely to introduce the service?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (c) The Government has already put in place an express passport service called 'Tatkal Scheme' which was introduced on 01st January, 2000. Under this scheme, passport applications are processed on post-police verification basis to enable the Passport Issuing Authorities to issue fresh passports within 1-7 days from the date of submission of applications subject to no adverse information being found in the database during the processing of the applications. Re-issue of passports under the Tatkal Scheme is being done in three working days.
