

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2581
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Waiving Second Police Verification
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is set to waive a second police verification in case of a passport renewal;
- (b) whether the new guidelines would exempt minors, government servants and senior citizens from undergoing the police verification;
- (c) whether by making the passport delivery system time-bound, especially the police verification process, Government would be able to discontinue the Tatkal system in passport issue; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) For reissue of passports, police verification is not required, provided the first passport had been issued on the basis of clear police report.
 - (b) As per the extant provisions, minors, Government servants and senior citizens (65 years and above) are exempt from police verification subject to certain conditions.
 - (c) & (d) It is a fact that with the overall improvement in delivery of passport services, the incidence of Tatkaal passport is coming down progressively from 11 per cent in 2012-13 to 6 per cent in 2014-15. However, there is no proposal to discontinue Tatkaal system, as it serves the purpose of issuing passports for urgent travel needs.
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