

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3050**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018

**DECISION RELATED TO PINK PASSPORT**

3050. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is a Pink Passport and to whom it is issued and the reasons why it was withdrawn;
- (b) whether the Ministry has initially proposed to remove last page of Passport which contains information of father/mother, address etc., and then reverted its decision; and
- (c) what is the position of international norms, as far as (b) is concerned?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) No Pink Passport is issued by the Ministry and, therefore, the reasons for it being withdrawn does not arise. However, the Ministry took the decision to issue a passport with orange colour jacket to passport holders with Emigration Check Required (ECR) status, with a view to help and assist them on priority basis.

(b) Another decision was taken by the Ministry on the recommendations of a three-member Committee comprising officials of the Ministry and the Ministry of Women and Child Development not to print the last page of the Passport Booklet.

The Ministry received several individual and collective representations requesting to reconsider these two decisions. The Ministry reviewed both these decisions in the light of these representations. After comprehensive discussions with the various stakeholders, the Ministry decided on 29 January, 2018 to continue with the current practice of printing the last page of the passport with orange colour jacket to ECR passport holders.

(c) It has been observed from the passport booklets of other countries available with this Ministry that the names of father, mother and spouse are generally not printed in them.

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