

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2862
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2017**

PASSPORT FEE

**†2862. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:
SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reduced the passport fees upto 10 per cent for those passport applicants who are below eight years and above 60 years of age;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this decision is likely to be implemented; and**
- (c) the number of persons who got benefitted by this scheme?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) With effect from 24 June, 2017 a new scheme under which senior citizens of the age of 60 years and above and minor children upto the age of 8 years would be given a discount of 10 per cent on the applicable passport fee on fresh application for passports.

(c) The break-up of the number of applicants who have been benefitted under this scheme from 24 June, 2017 to 26 July, 2017 is as follows:

Applicant	Applicants benefitted
Minor of 8 Years and Below	53,841
Senior Citizens of 60 Years and above	31,582
