

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3620
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018

PASSPORT FROM ANYWHERE

3620. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched a new scheme under which a person can apply for a passport from anywhere in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the scheme;
- (c) whether application for passport can be submitted with a mobile app; 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) & (b) Yes, the Ministry has launched a new scheme by which an applicant can apply for passport from anywhere in India. But the Police Verification (PV) would be conducted by the Police Station in whose jurisdiction the address mentioned in the form falls and the passport will also be dispatched at the same address.

(c) & (d) Yes, an application for passport can be submitted with the mobile app mPassport Seva App, which was launched with additional facilities on 26 June, 2018. It is a mobile based application which provides the citizens with an optional facility for accessing passport related services apart from the existing website, i.e., <http://passportindia.gov.in/>. The mPassport Seva App is available in Android and iOS platforms and will have the facilities to apply, pay and schedule appointments for passport services. With the launch of this mPassport Seva App, citizens would not require access to a computer and printer to apply for passport services.

The mPassport Seva App will now support enhanced set of passport services such as:

- i. New User Registration
- ii. Sign In to Registered User Account
- iii. Application form filing to apply for Passport and Police Clearance Certificate
- iv. Pay for Passport Services
- v. Appointment Scheduling
- vi. Application Availability Status
- vii. Document Advisor

viii. Fee Calculator
