

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.311
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019

MISSING OF PASSPORTS

*311. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the passports of 23 persons went missing from the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has issued instruction to revoke these passports and issue new ones; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)**

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 311 REGARDING “MISSING OF PASSPORTS” FOR ANSWER ON 02.01.2019

(a) & (b) Yes. The Ministry of External Affairs has received information that a total of twenty three (23) passports have been misplaced by the High Commission of Pakistan in New Delhi.

(c) & (d) To prevent misuse of these misplaced passports, all the passports have been declared as ‘Lost’ in the passport database. All the Passport Issuing Authorities have also been instructed to ensure that if these applicants apply for reissue of passports, caution may be exercised while processing their passport applications.
