GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA**
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 135**
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023**

# E-PASSPORT UPGRADATION SERVICE

†*135. Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the e-passport upgradation service is available in the passport portal;

(b) if so, the number and details of e-passports upgraded during the financial year 2022 23;

(c) whether the Missions/Centres located abroad have been integrated with the Passport Seva Project; and

(d) if so, the number and details of the Missions/Posts set up abroad during the last three years?

## ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**
**(DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR )**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *135 REGARDING "E-PASSPORT UPGRADATION SERVICE" FOR ANSWER ON 28.07.2023.**

The ePassport project is yet to be rolled out, but will soon be, in phases, at passport offices across India and thereafter, at Indian Missions/Posts abroad. The issuance of ePassports will commence with the completion of the required complex technical eco-system and infrastructure. ePassports will be issued to the new applicants and in cases of renewals. The existing passport booklets will continue to be valid for their remaining period of validity.

The Global Passport Seva Programme (GPSP) for integration of Indian Mission/Posts abroad with the Passport Seva Programme was launched in November 2019. During the last three years, 181 Indian Missions and Posts abroad have been integrated with the GPSP (list attached).

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| Sr. No. | COUNTRY NAME | MISSION NAME |
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| 1 | Algeria | Algeria - Algiers |
| 2 | Angola | Angola - Luanda |
| 3 | Argentina | Argentina - Buenos Aires |
| 4 | Armenia | Armenia - Yerevan |
| 5 | Australia | Australia - Canberra |
| 6 | Australia | Australia - Melbourne |
| 7 | Australia | Australia - Perth |
| 8 | Australia | Australia - Sydney |
| 9 | Austria | Austria - Vienna |
| 10 | Azerbaijan | Azerbaijan - Baku |
| 11 | Bahrain | Bahrain - Manama |
| 12 | Bangladesh | Bangladesh - Chittagong |
| 13 | Bangladesh | Bangladesh - Dhaka |
| 14 | Belarus | Belarus - Minsk |
| 15 | Belgium | Belgium - Brussels |
| 16 | Bhutan | Bhutan - Phuentsholing |
| 17 | Bhutan | Bhutan - Thimphu |
| 18 | Botswana | Botswana - Gaborone |
| 19 | Brazil | Brazil - Brasilia |
| 20 | Brazil | Brazil - Sao Paulo |
| 21 | Brunei Darussalam | Brunei Darussalam - Bandar Seri Begawan |

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| 22 | Bulgaria | Bulgaria - Sofia |
| 23 | Burkina Faso | Burkina Faso - Ouagadougou |
| 24 | Cambodia | Cambodia - Phnom Penh |
| 25 | Cameroon | Cameroon - Yaounde |
| 26 | Canada | Canada - Ottawa |
| 27 | Canada | Canada - Toronto |
| 28 | Canada | Canada - Vancouver |
| 29 | Chile | Chile - Santiago |
| 30 | China | China - Beijing |
| 31 | China | China - Guangzhou |
| 32 | China | China - Hong Kong |
| 33 | China | China - Shanghai |
| 34 | Colombia | Colombia - Bogota |
| 35 | Cote d'Ivoire | Cote Divoire - Abidjan |
| 36 | Cuba | Cuba - Havana |
| 37 | Cyprus | Cyprus - Nicosia |
| 38 | Czech Republic | Czech Republic - Prague |
| 39 | Dem Republic of the Congo | Democratic Republic of Congo - Kinshasa |
| 40 | Denmark | Denmark - Copenhagen |
| 41 | Djibouti | Djibouti - Djibouti |
| 42 | Dominican Republic | Dominican Republic - Santo Domingo |
| 43 | Egypt | Egypt - Cairo |
| 44 | Equatorial Guinea | Equatorial Guinea - Malabo |
| 45 | Eritrea | Eritrea-Asmara |

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| 46 | Eswatini | Eswatini-Mbabane |
| 47 | Ethiopia | Ethiopia - Addis Ababa |
| 48 | Fiji | Fiji - Suva |
| 49 | Finland | Finland - Helsinki |
| 50 | France | France - Paris |
| 51 | France | France - Saint Denis |
| 52 | Germany | Germany - Berlin |
| 53 | Germany | Germany - Frankfurt |
| 54 | Germany | Germany - Hamburg |
| 55 | Germany | Germany - Munich |
| 56 | Ghana | Ghana - Accra |
| 57 | Greece | Greece - Athens |
| 58 | Guatemala | Guatemala - Guatemala City |
| 59 | Guinea | Guinea - Conakry |
| 60 | Guyana | Guyana - Georgetown |
| 61 | Hungary | Hungary - Budapest |
| 62 | Iceland | Iceland - Reykjavik |
| 63 | Indonesia | Indonesia - Bali |
| 64 | Indonesia | Indonesia - Jakarta |
| 65 | Indonesia | Indonesia - Medan |
| 66 | Iran | Iran - Bandar Abbas |
| 67 | Iran | Iran - Tehran |
| 68 | Iran | Iran - Zahidan |
| 69 | Iraq | Iraq - Baghdad |

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| 70 | Iraq | Iraq - Erbil |
| 71 | Ireland | Ireland - Dublin |
| 72 | Israel | Israel - Tel Aviv |
| 73 | Italy | Italy - Milan |
| 74 | Italy | Italy - Rome |
| 75 | Jamaica | Jamaica - Kingston |
| 76 | Japan | Japan - Osaka-Kobe |
| 77 | Japan | Japan - Tokyo |
| 78 | Jordan | Jordan - Amman |
| 79 | Kazakhstan | Kazakhstan - Almaty |
| 80 | Kazakhstan | Kazakhstan - Astana |
| 81 | Kenya | Kenya - Mombasa |
| 82 | Kenya | Kenya - Nairobi |
| 83 | Kuwait | Kuwait - Kuwait City |
| 84 | Kyrgyzstan | Kyrgyzstan - Bishkek |
| 85 | Laos | Lao PDR - Vientiane |
| 86 | Lebanon | Lebanon - Beirut |
| 87 | Madagascar | Madagascar - Antananarivo |
| 88 | Malawi | Malawi - Lilongwe |
| 89 | Malaysia | Malaysia - Kuala Lumpur |
| 90 | Maldives | Maldives - Male |
| 91 | Mali | Mali - Bamako |
| 92 | Malta | Malta - Valletta |
| 93 | Mauritania | Mauritania - Nouakchott |

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| 94 | Mauritius | Mauritius - Port Louis |
| 95 | Mexico | Mexico - Mexico City |
| 96 | Mongolia | Mongolia - Ulaanbaatar |
| 97 | Morocco | Morocco - Rabat |
| 98 | Mozambique | Mozambique - Maputo |
| 99 | Myanmar | Myanmar - Mandalay |
| 100 | Myanmar | Myanmar - Yangon |
| 101 | Namibia | Namibia - Windhoek |
| 102 | Nepal | Nepal - Birgunj |
| 103 | Nepal | Nepal - Kathmandu |
| 104 | Netherlands | Netherlands - The Hague |
| 105 | New Zealand | New Zealand - Wellington |
| 106 | Niger | Niger - Niamey |
| 107 | Nigeria | Nigeria - Abuja |
| 108 | Nigeria | Nigeria - Lagos |
| 109 | Norway | Norway - Oslo |
| 110 | Oman | Oman - Muscat |
| 111 | Pakistan | Pakistan - Islamabad |
| 112 | Panama | Panama - Panama |
| 113 | Papua New Guinea | Papua New Guinea - Port Moresby |
| 114 | Paraguay | Paraguay - Asuncion |
| 115 | Peru | Peru - Lima |
| 116 | Philippines | Philippines - Manila |
| 117 | Poland | Poland - Warsaw |

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| 118 | Portugal | Portugal - Lisbon |
| 119 | Qatar | Qatar - Doha |
| 120 | Republic of Congo | The Republic of Congo - Brazzaville |
| 121 | Romania | Romania - Bucharest |
| 122 | Russia | Russian Federation - Moscow |
| 123 | Russia | Russian Federation - St. Petersburg |
| 124 | Russia | Russian Federation - Vladivostok |
| 125 | Rwanda | Rwanda - Kigali |
| 126 | Saudi Arabia | Saudi Arabia - Jeddah |
| 127 | Saudi Arabia | Saudi Arabia - Riyadh |
| 128 | Senegal | Senegal - Dakar |
| 129 | Serbia | Serbia - Belgrade |
| 130 | Seychelles | Seychelles - Victoria-Mahe |
| 131 | Sierra Leone | Sierra Leone - Freetown |
| 132 | Singapore | Singapore - Singapore |
| 133 | Slovakia | Slovakia - Bratislava |
| 134 | Slovenia | Slovenia - Ljubljana |
| 135 | South Africa | South Africa - Cape Town |
| 136 | South Africa | South Africa - Durban |
| 137 | South Africa | South Africa - Johannesburg |
| 138 | South Africa | South Africa - Pretoria |
| 139 | South Korea | Republic of Korea  - Seoul |
| 140 | Spain | Spain - Madrid |
| 141 | Sri Lanka | Sri Lanka - Colombo |

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| 142 | Sri Lanka | Sri Lanka - Hambantota |
| 143 | Sri Lanka | Sri Lanka - Jaffna |
| 144 | Sri Lanka | Sri Lanka - Kandy |
| 145 | Sudan | South Sudan - Juba |
| 146 | Sudan | Sudan - Khartoum |
| 147 | Suriname | Suriname - Paramaribo |
| 148 | Sweden | Sweden - Stockholm |
| 149 | Switzerland | Switzerland - Berne |
| 150 | Switzerland | Switzerland - Geneva |
| 151 | Syria | Syria - Damascus |
| 152 | Tajikistan | Tajikistan - Dushanbe |
| 153 | Tanzania | Tanzania - Dar es Salaam |
| 154 | Tanzania | Tanzania - Zanzibar |
| 155 | Thailand | Chiang Mai,Thailand |
| 156 | Thailand | Thailand - Bangkok |
| 157 | Trinidad And Tobago | Trinidad And Tobago - Port of Spain |
| 158 | Tunisia | Tunisia - Tunis |
| 159 | Turkey | Turkey - Ankara |
| 160 | Turkey | Turkey - Istanbul |
| 161 | Turkmenistan | Turkmenistan - Ashgabat |
| 162 | Uganda | Uganda - Kampala |
| 163 | Ukraine | Ukraine - Kyiv |
| 164 | United Arab Emirates | United Arab Emirates - Abu Dhabi |
| 165 | United Arab Emirates | United Arab Emirates - Dubai |

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| 166 | United Kingdom | United Kingdom - Birmingham |
| 167 | United Kingdom | United Kingdom - Edinburgh |
| 168 | United Kingdom | United Kingdom - London |
| 169 | USA | USA - Atlanta |
| 170 | USA | USA - Chicago |
| 171 | USA | USA - Houston |
| 172 | USA | USA - New York |
| 173 | USA | USA - San Francisco |
| 174 | USA | USA - Washington DC |
| 175 | Uzbekistan | Uzbekistan - Tashkent |
| 176 | Venezuela | Venezuela - Caracas |
| 177 | Vietnam | Vietnam - Hanoi |
| 178 | Vietnam | Vietnam - Ho Chi Minh City |
| 179 | Yemen | Yemen - Sanaa |
| 180 | Zambia | Zambia - Lusaka |
| 181 | Zimbabwe | Zimbabwe - Harare |

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