

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2268  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

**ONLINE FRAUD IN MAKING PASSPORTS**

**2268. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:**

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many persons have become victims of online fraud in the name of making passports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number and details of such victims and the total amount involved in the said fraud, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) It has been brought to the attention of the Ministry about the existence of certain websites which are fraudulently claiming to make passports. Ministry has taken steps to spread awareness about such fraudulent websites and issued advisories through the social media. Citizens have been advised to use the official passport portal ([www.passportindia.gov.in](http://www.passportindia.gov.in)) of the Ministry for passport related services.

(c) Data on the number and details of applicants who have used these fraudulent websites to apply for a passport and the total amount involved cannot be quantified definitively as these cases are due to fake websites run by fraudsters.

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