

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*411
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

ORANGE PASSPORTS

***411 DR.(PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of adding new features in the Indian Passport like e-Chips, orange passports for Emigration Check Required (ECR) holders, etc.; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the timeline by which orange passports are likely to be printed?

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

- (a) & (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE
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With a view to manufacture e-Passports, India Security Press, Nashik has awarded the contract for procurement of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)-compliant electronic contactless inlays along with its operating system necessary for chip-enabled e-Passports. Issuance of e-Passports will commence on the successful completion of the procurement process by ISP, Nashik.

As regards Orange Passports, the Ministry considered issue of passport with orange colour jacket to passport holders with Emigration Check Required (ECR) status, with a view to help and assist them on priority basis. On subsequent receipt of individual and collective representations, Ministry reviewed this decision. Following comprehensive discussions with various stakeholders, Ministry decided on 29 January, 2018 not to issue a separate passport with orange colour jacket to ECR passport holders.
