

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3474
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

PASSPORT RENEWAL

3474. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian citizens whose passports are to be renewed by Indian Missions abroad face lots of problems and delays when they apply for renewal in India when they are back in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the respective Regional Passport offices seek comments of Indian Missions where these passports have been renewed earlier and these Missions take years to respond;
- (c) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (d) whether the MEA is likely to fix any timeline for Indian Missions to respond so that people do not face problems/harassment and they get their passports in time; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) No. Passport issuance process is uniform and completely digitized. Passport can be applied from anywhere in the country.

(b) to (e) References to the Indian Missions are generally not made. However, in certain complex cases inputs from Missions/Posts are sought through online system. No inordinate delays have been reported.
