

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:55
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FAKE PASSPORTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some terrorists have been apprehended for being in possession of fake passports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a committee has been constituted recently to suggest measures to streamline the passport issuance system in the country ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ;
- (e) whether any recommendations have been made by the committee;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the concrete steps being taken to check the fake passports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The Committee on Review of Passport Issue System was set up in March, 2001 and submitted its report on 21.9. 2001.
- (e) Yes, Sir.
- (f) The Committee, inter-alia, recommended simplification of procedures, decentralisation, technological upgradation and introduction of an efficient public information, facilitation and grievance redressal mechanism.
- (g) Continuous efforts are made by Government to enhance the security features in Passports.