

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Ministry is working with the Department of Posts to accept passport applications;
- (b) If so, the number of speed post centres in the country at present where passport applications are accepted;
- (c) Whether the Government is planning to increase the number of such centres during the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. At present, there are 218 Speed Post Centres where passport applications are being accepted.
- (c)&(d) In the current year, the Government is planning to increase the number of such centres and already there is a proposal to add 873 more Speed Post Centres throughout the country where passport applications can be accepted.