

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3048
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QUALITY OF PAPER OF PASSPORTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quality of paper used for the Indian Passports is not of international standard;
- (b) if so, whether visa stickers pasted on the passports by Embassies/High Commissions leave a visible mark on the back side of the stickers due to adhesive/ink used by Embassies/High Commissions;
- (c) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take in this regard to avoid alleged harassment of passengers by emigration authorities;
- (d) whether the Government will also issue instructions/directions to the emigration authorities in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a) No. The quality of paper used for Indian passports is of international standard. The quality, security and data features of Indian passports conform to the standards of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).
- (b) No. No such complaint has been received so far.
- (c to e) Do not arise.