

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF PASSPORT OFFICE IN UTTARANCHAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to open a passport office in the newly created Uttaranchal State and its branch offices in various district headquarters/tehsils;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIE AHAMED)

(a&b) Yes. The Government has taken a decision to open a Passport Office at Dehradun in the Uttaranchal State and to open District Passport Cells (DPCs) as part of the decentralisation scheme for submission of passport applications at district level. The DPCs are opened by the State Governments. So far no DPC has been opened in Uttaranchal State.

(c) It is not possible to indicate precise time frame for implementation since it involves several necessary requirements such as locating suitable premises for which help of State Government has been sought and deployment of personnel etc .