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Title: Need to establish a Regional Passport Office at Kolhapur in Maharashtra.

SHRI SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK (KOLHAPUR): The Kolhapur district in Maharashtra State is a hub of industrial activity and Information Technology Parks. In addition to five industrial estates in the district one more new Five Star Industrial Estate has come up at Kagal near Kolhapur under Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation. These industrial estates supply various technical spare parts and manufactured goods to Western and middle east countries. In addition to these various leather goods, finished textile goods, jaggery and sugar are exported from Kolhapur.

All these manufacturing units are located in the district of Sangli, Kolhapur, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, and for all these districts Kolhapur is the central place. The number of persons from all these exporting houses seeking passport has grown very large in recent years. Since, the present passport office is located in Pune, all these persons have to go to Pune and stay there for a day or two resulting in wastage of time and money.

There are more than 100 applications per day for passport and it is very inconvenient for all these persons to travel to Pune for passport requirement. It is most likely that present Airport runway at Kolhapur will be extended in near future and the Airport will receive international flights also. So the number of tourists and traders visiting the foreign lands will increase and they will need passports.

I urge the Ministry of External Affairs to establish one Regional Passport Office at Kolhapur to facilitate foreign going travellers easy access for obtaining passports in time.

...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2 p.m.

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**12.04 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Fourteen of the Clock.*

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**14.00 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Fourteen of the Clock.*

(Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)

...(Interruptions)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : कुछ भी रिकॉर्ड में नहीं जाएगा।

...(व्यवधान) \*

**14.0½ hrs.**

*At this stage, Shri Ganesh Singh, Shri Shailendra Kumar and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again tomorrow, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 at 11 a.m.

**14.01 hrs.**

## **The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock**

*on [\[r1\]](#) Thursday, August 11, 2011/Sravana 20, 1933 (Saka).*

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\* The sign + marked above the name of a Member indicates that the Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by that Member.

\* Not recorded

\* Presented to Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 and forwarded to Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on the same day.

\* Not recorded

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[\[r1\]](#) Friday, March 10, 2000/Phalguna 20, 1921 (Saka).