

Passports Act, 1967

Section 5 - Applications for Passports, Travel Documents, Etc., and Orders Thereon

1[(1) An application for the issue of a passport under this Act for visiting such foreign country or countries (not being a named foreign country) as may be specified in the application may be made to the passport authority and shall be accompanied by 2[such fee as may be prescribed to meet the expenses incurred on special security paper, printing, lamination and other connected miscellaneous services in issuing passports and other travel documents].

Explanation.--In this section, "named foreign country" means such foreign country as the Central Government may, by rules made under this Act, specify in this behalf.

(1A) An application for the issue of--

(i) a passport under this Act for visiting a named foreign country; or

(ii) a travel document under this Act, for visiting such foreign country or countries (including a named foreign country) as may be specified in the application or for an endorsement on the passport or travel document referred to in this section,

may be made to the passport authority and shall be accompanied by such fee (if any) not exceeding rupees fifty, as may be prescribed.

(IB) Every application under this section shall be in such form and contain such particulars as may be prescribed.]

(2) On receipt of an application 3[under this section], the passport authority, after making such inquiry, if any, as it may consider necessary, shall, subject to the other provisions of this Act, by order in writing,--

(a) issue the passport or travel document with endorsement, or, as the case may be, make on the passport or travel document the endorsement, in respect of the foreign country or countries specified in the application; or

(b) issue the passport or travel document with endorsement, or, as the case may be, make on the passport or travel document the endorsement, in respect of one or more of the foreign countries specified in the application and refuse to make an endorsement in respect of the other country or countries; or

(c) refuse to issue the passport or travel document or, as the case may be, refuse to make on the passport or travel document any endorsement.

(3) Where the passport authority makes an order under clause (b) or clause (c) of sub-section (2) on the application of any person, it shall record in writing a brief statement of its reasons for making such order and furnish to that person on demand a copy of the same unless in any case the passport authority is of the opinion that it will not be in the interests of the sovereignty and integrity of India the security of India, friendly relations of India with any foreign country or in the interests of the general public to furnish such copy.

1. Substituted by Act 31 of 1978, section 2, for sub-section (1) (w.e.f. 18-8-1978).

2. Substituted by Act 35 of 1993, section 2, for "a fee of rupees fifty" (w.e.f. 1-7-1993).

3. Inserted by Act 31 of 1978, section 2 (w.e.f. 18-8-1978).

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