



**PUBLIC (SPECIAL-B) DEPARTMENT
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-600 009**

Letter No.284/Special-B/2018-1, Dated:13.03.2018.

From
Dr. P. Senthilkumar, IAS.,
Principal Secretary to Government (FAC).

To
All IAS Officers,
All Additional Secretaries /
Joint Secretaries to Government (Non-IAS).

Sir,

Sub: Passport - Verification Certificate issued for
Passport under Tatkal category done away - Reg.

Ref: From the Regional Passport Officer, Regional
Passport Office, Chennai Letter No.
F.No.MAS/551/1/2016, dated 31.01.2018.

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I am directed to state that in the reference cited, the Regional Passport Officer, Chennai has stated that in a recent change of rules for Tatkal Passports, Ministry of External Affairs has done away with insisting on the requirement of a Verification Certificate. Now, individuals can apply for Passports under Tatkal category using their personal documents only. This has also been widely published through media so that the general public is aware of this change and would not approach senior officials for Verification Certificates.

2. I am therefore directed to request you not to issue any Verification Certificate to the Public in future for issue of Tatkal Passport.

Yours faithfully,

P. Senthilkumar

MJ for Principal Secretary to Government (FAC)

To
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9. (with a request to issue necessary
instructions to all IPS officers).
The Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment and Forests Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9. (with a request to issue necessary
instructions to all IFS Officers).
IAS Intranet.