

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:425  
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2000  
FAKE PASSPORT VISA RACKETS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a number of rackets involving issue of fake passports and visas have been busted in various parts of the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the action taken against the culprits and the steps being taken to eliminate these rackets?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARAS (a)TO(c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.425 FOR ANSWER IN THE SABHA ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2000 REGARDING FAKE PASSPORT/VISA RACKETS

(a): During the last 3 years, the immigration officers were successful in detecting a number of forgeries in travel documents.

(b): The year-wise figures in respect of major transit points are enclosed (Annexure).

(c): Prevention, detection, registration and investigation of crime are primarily the responsibility of the State. Information regarding action taken against the culprits is not centrally maintained.

However, the Central Government is alive to the need to make the travel documents tamper-proof, as far as possible, and improvements in the security features of India passports and visa stickers are undertaken on a continuing basis. New security features are also introduced in the passports from time to time. Since Passport Offices issue valid passports on the basis of police verification reports, the Ministry of External Affairs has addressed the State Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police to ensure accuracy of such police verification reports.

**ANNEXURE**

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STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS TRYING TO TRAVEL ON FAKE DOCUMENTS DURING THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OCT., 2000 AIRPORT WISE

Year Delhi Mumbai Calcuta Chennai Amritsr Trivendrum Total

1997	420	1483	198	223	70	59	2453
1998	553	1328	217	269	42	57	2466
1999	534	1086	82	175	59	43	1979