

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1655
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ESTABLISHMENT OF RPO IN NAGALAND
K. ASUNGBA SANGTAM

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government propose to open a Regional Passport Office in Dimapur (Nagaland);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) As per the recommendations of the Standing Committee of Parliament, a new Passport Office should be centrally located, should consider the existing nearby offices and should get an average of 50,000 applications per annum over a period of 3 years. The number of passport applications received from Nagaland is about 800 per annum which does not meet the criterion for opening of Passport Office in the State.