

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7417
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2002
REDUCTION IN COST OF ISSUING PASSPORTS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passports issued by the Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam passport offices in 2001-2002;
- (b) the fees collected by both the passport offices in 2001-2002;
- (c) whether any efforts has been made to reduce the cost of issuing passports in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken so far in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

a) The number of passports issued by the passport offices at Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam during the year 2001-2002 are as under:

Passport Office, Hyderabad - 48,163
Passport Office, Visakhapatnam - 2,39,660

b) The fees collected by both the Passport Offices during 2001-2002 are given below:

Passport Office, Hyderabad - Rs. 1,97,10,125.00
Passport Office, Visakhapatnam - Rs. 11,30,38,125.00

c)& d)The cost of issuing passports in Andhra Pradesh are in consonance with the costs in other states and no special efforts are required to reduce the costs in that state.