

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3430
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2002
ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passports issued in Andhra Pradesh in 2001-2002, 2002-2003 up to October, 31, 2002.
- (b) whether there is inordinate delay in issuance of passports; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the expeditious disposal of the pending applications?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIYAY SINGH)

a) The number of passports issued in Andhra Pradesh during 2001-2002 was 2,92,847 and during 2002-2003 (up to 31.10.2002) was 2,31,999.

b) No. The Government endeavours to issue passports within 6 weeks provided the application is complete in all respects and a clear police verification report has been received. Passports are issued by the Passport Offices in Hyderabad and Vishakhapatnam within the prescribed time frame.

c) Does not arise.