

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:957  
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2000  
ISSUE OF PASSPORT FROM BAREILLY PASSPORT OFFICE  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of applicants from Bareilly and Moradabad in comparison to other towns issued passports at the Bareilly Passport Office during each of the last three years, separately :-
- (b) whether any Passport Office is being considered to be opened at Moradabad:
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be opened: and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) the number of applicants who were issued passports during the last three years from Bareilly, Moradabad and other districts under the jurisdiction of the Passport Office, Bareilly is as follows:

YEAR	BAREILLY	MORADABAD	OTHER DISTRICTS
1997	2825	4202	37003
1998		2582	3688
1999		2616	3406
			49922

- (b) At present, opening of a Passport Office at Moradabad is not being considered.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Average number of applications received per annum during the last three years from Moradabad was 4356. The opening of a new passport office is governed by certain criteria such as the location of existing offices, volume of applications from a particular region and the recommendations of the Standing Committee of Parliament of External Affairs that there should be at least 50,000 applications per annum from an area for a new passport office to be opened. In view of this, opening a passport office at Moradabad is not being considered.