

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:207  
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2003  
PENDING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of passports issued by the Regional Passport Offices in the country during each of the last three years and till date, Regional Passport Office-wise and state-wise ;
- (b) the average time taken by passport offices in issuing passports;
- (c) the number of applications pending for issuance of passports in the different passport offices during the current year; and
- (d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to dispose of these applications expeditiously and the outcome thereof ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

- (a) A statement is laid on the table of the House. States covered are also indicated.
- (b) Passports are normally issued within 6(six) weeks provided clear Police Verification Report has been received and all other documents are in order.
- (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.
- (d) Measures taken to reduce pendencies include computerisation, decentralisation, training, machine writing of passports and expediting police verification.