

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PENDING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passport applications pending in Andhra Pradesh as on date;
- (b) the number of passports issued during the last two years and till date;
- (c) whether certain suggestions have been received to streamline passport issuance procedure;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has directed the Regional Passport Officer to implement these suggestions for public convenience; and
- (f) if so, the time by when these are likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) the number of passport applications pending in the two Passport Offices in Andhra Pradesh were 3238 as on 31st July, 2004:
- (b) the number of passports issued by the two Passport Offices in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years and as on 31st July, 2004 is as follows:

Passport Office 2002 2003 Jan-July 2004

Hyderabad	2,31,530	2,57,850	1,71,001
Visakhapatnam	45,777	50,346	37,713

(c,d,e&f) A Committee for Review of the Passport Issue System made several recommendations in its report in 2001. These recommendations include simplification of procedures for issue of passports, decentralisation of receipt and scrutiny of passport applications to the District level, technological upgradation of Passport Offices and efficient public information, facilitation and grievance redressal mechanism. Most of these recommendations have been implemented.