

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:368  
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ESTABLISHMENT OF PASSPORT OFFICE  
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of people from Hyderabad visit different countries every year;
- (b) if so, whether there is only one passport office for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad;
- (c) whether the people are facing hardships in getting passport due to heavy rush; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ease the problems of the people?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Passport Office Hyderabad issues approximately 2,45,000 passports in a year.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) & (d) No. On an average 1200-1300 applications are received daily. Normally, the Passport Office operates 14 public counters for submission of applications. The steps taken in case of heavy rush include increase in the number of public counters, deployment of additional staff and operation of counters for extra hours if needed.