

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3260

ANSWERED ON:09.12.2009

ISSUE OF PASSPORTS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued instructions to issue new passports to the applicants within three weeks and simplify the police verification procedures;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the matter;
- (c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to implement the same; and
- (d) the details of pending passport application in the various passport offices in the country as on date, RPO-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

- (a) & (b) The Ministry had requested the State police authorities to send police verification reports (PVRs) in respect of passport applications within 21 days. The majority of PVRs are not received in 21 days.
- (c) The Passport Offices regularly remain in touch with the district police authorities to expedite PVRs. The Ministry has also requested concerned State Governments to expedite PVRs. An incentive of Rs.100/- per application is paid to the State Governments if verification report is received within 21 days. Under the Passport Seva Project, the PVRs will be obtained electronically, which will reduce considerably the time taken for receipt of PVRs.
- (d) A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3260 REGARDING "ISSUE OF PASSPORTS" FOR ANSWER ON 09.12.2009

Number of Pending applications in various Passport Offices as on 31.10.2009

S.No.	Passport Office	Number of Passport Applications pending
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1.	Ahmedabad	2091
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2.	Amritsar	14024
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3.	Bangalore	19479
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4.	Bareilly	18782
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5.	Bhopal	26918
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6.	Bhubaneswar	6461
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7 Chandigarh 34974

8. Chennai 33112

9. Cochin 1968

10. Coimbatore 3429

11. Dehradun 1894

12. Delhi 15454

13. Ghaziabad 7548

14. Guwahati 14379

15. Hyderabad 41382

16. Jaipur 32020

17. Jalandhar 15888

18. Jammu 9260

19. Kolkata 60821

20. Kozhikode 1335

21. Lucknow 36552

22. Madurai 1912

23. Malappuram 3234

24. Mumbai 2982

25. Nagpur 4127

26. Panaji 1127

27. Patna 90006

28. Pune 13820

29. Raipur 3703
30. Ranchi 13915
31. Shimla 220
32. Srinagar 21995
33. Surat 1930
34. Thane 8488
35. Tiruchirapallii 368
36. Thiruvanthapuram 1369
37. Visakhapatnam 7591

As on 30.09.2009