

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3038
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2006
CONSTRUCTING BUILDINGS FOR PASSPORT OFFICES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rent liability of the Government is increasing over the years due to many passport offices working out of rented buildings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise;
- (c) whether steps have been taken to acquire land from the state Governments for construction of passport offices;
- (d) if so, the details of efforts made so far;
- (e) whether the Government has outsourced the manpower in passport offices; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) While the rental liability on account of Passport Offices has slightly increased over the years, efforts are continually being made to acquire land from the State Governments for construction of Passport Offices. Construction of new buildings for three Passport Offices, namely, Bangalore, Lucknow, Jaipur is at an advanced stage and these will be occupied upon completion. A building has been purchased for the Passport Office at Bareilly, which will be functional in the new premises in March, 2007. Suitable plots have also been acquired for Passport Offices in Mumbai, Visakhapatnam and Guwahati. Details of rental liability and construction projects are in the Annexure.

(e) No.

(f) Not applicable.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3038 regarding 'Constructing buildings for passport offices' to be answered on 13.12.2006

Renting/acquisition of land for Passport Office in India

Sl. No. Location of Passport Office Status of property

1. Bangalore A building is nearing completion, which will be occupied in April, 2007.
2. Bareilly A built-up property has been purchased, where the Passport Office will be shifted in March, 2007.
3. Bhubaneshwar A suitable plot has been purchased and work on it is likely to commence shortly.
4. Bhopal The Government of Madhya Pradesh has been requested to allot a plot for the Passport office.
5. Guwahati A plot has been purchased for the Passport Office.
6. Jaipur The building is nearing completion and is likely to be occupied in May, 2007.
7. Jalandhar A suitable plot has been located and efforts are being

- made to purchase it by the end of March, 2007.
8. Jammu The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has been requested to give a plot for the Passport Office.
 9. Kolkata The Government of West Bengal has been requested to provide a suitable plot.
 10. Lucknow The building is nearing completion and will be occupied by May, 2007.
 11. Mallapuram Mallapuram District authorities have been requested to provide a suitable plot.
 12. Mumbai A plot has been purchased and construction activity is likely to begin shortly.
 13. Ranchi The State Government has been requested to give a plot.
 14. Srinagar A plot has been located and possession will be taken in February, 2007.
 15. Surat A plot has been located by the Passport Office and the matter is being processed further.
 16. Thane Efforts are being made to acquire a built up property for the Passport Office.
 17. Trichy A built up property has been located for the Passport Office.
 18. Trivandrum A built up property has been located for the Passport Office.
 19. Visakhapatnam A plot has been purchased.

RENTALS PAID FOR THE PASSPORT OFFICES

S.No. Ppt. Offices 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006

1. Bareilly	2,16,296	2,16,296	2,16,296
2. Bangalore	35,21,608	35,23,473	35,42,219
3. Bhuvaneshwar	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,76,000
4. Bhopal	1,59,168	1,59,168	1,59,168
5. Guwahati	4,61,460	4,61,460	4,61,460
6. Jalandhar	8,82,000	8,82,000	8,82,000
7. Jammu	3,70,260	4,03,920	4,03,920
8. Jaipur	31,50,000	31,50,000	31,50,000
9. Lucknow	3,38,430	3,38,430	3,38,430
10. Mumbai	1,59,96,000	1,59,96,000	1,59,96,000
11. Pune	11,85,264	17,71,056	17,71,056
12. Ranchi	3,47,724	3,47,724	3,47,724
13. Tiruchirapally	6,10,380	6,10,378	6,10,376
14. Thiruvananthapuram	6,84,268	6,31,632	6,31,632
15. Thane	26,71,196	26,48,471	26,56,163
16. Visakhapatnam	4,43,400	4,43,400	4,61,426
17. Surat	11,77,176	11,77,176	11,77,176
Total	3,24,54,630	3,30,00,584	3,30,81,046