

**Passport offices in Tamil Nadu**

3084. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing passport offices and collection centres in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of passport applications received and the number of passport issued during each of the last three years by passport offices in the State;

(c) whether there is any demand to open more passport offices in the State particularly from Salem, Namakkal and Dharmapuri districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the proposal of Government to open passport offices in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) There are two Passport Offices in Tamil Nadu, one at Chennai and another at Trichy. There are also 30 District Passport Cells, which collect and process passport applications. These details are given in the Statement (See Below).

(b) The number of passport applications received and the number of passports issued during last three years are given below:

Passport Office	Number of Passport Applications received			Number of Passports issued		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
Chennai	230529	237561	291916	216367	212143	300503
Trichy	222368	225403	279713	261803	220429	303684

(c) and (d) Government have decided to open two more passport offices in Tamil Nadu, namely at Coimbatore and Madurai as early as possible.

**Statement***List of District Passport Cells in Tamil Nadu*

Sl.No.	Passport Office	District Passport Cell
1.	Chennai	Coimbatore
2.	Chennai	Nilgiris
3.	Chennai	Cuddalore
4.	Chennai	Thiruvallur
5.	Chennai	Vellore
6.	Chennai	Erode
7.	Chennai	Villupuram
8.	Chennai	Salem
9.	Chennai	Namakkal
10.	Chennai	Kancheepuram
11.	Chennai	Thiruvannamalai
12.	Chennai	Chennai-Annanagar
13.	Chennai	Dharmapuri
14.	Chennai	Chennai-Adyar
15.	Chennai	Krishnagiri
16.	Trichy	Sivagangai
17.	Trichy	Thanjavur
18.	Trichy	Nagappatinam
19.	Trichy	Thiruvarur
20.	Trichy	Thoothukudi
21.	Trichy	Tirunelveli
22.	Trichy	Viruthunagar
23.	Trichy	Pudukkottai
24.	Trichy	Perambalur
25.	Trichy	Thindugal
26.	Trichy	Ramanathapuram
27.	Trichy	Theni
28.	Trichy	Karur
29.	Trichy	Madurai
30.	Trichy	Kanyakumari