

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

(e) Indian Security agencies have on-going co-operation with their counterparts in USA.

#### **Passport offices in Odisha**

328. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of passport offices in State of Odisha, circle-wise;
- (b) the average number of passport applications that each circle receive yearly;
- (c) the estimated time for issue of passport; and
- (d) the number of applications lying pending in Odisha for more than three months and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SHASHI THAROOR): (a) There is only one Passport Office in Odisha, located in Bhubaneswar. However, there are District Passport Cells (run by Police) in all the districts and 52 Speed Post Centers (run by Department of Posts) for collection of passport applications which are then forwarded to Passport Office for processing. A list of DPCs/SPCs is given in the statement (*See below*).

- (b) 43,970.
- (c) Tatkal 5 days, re-issue 15 days and fresh application 60-70 days.
- (d) 4151. The main reason for delay is delayed receipt of police verification reports.

#### ***Statement***

##### *List of DPCs and SPCs in Odisha*

#### **List of District Passport Cells (DPCs)**

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| 1. Anugul    | 11. Gajapati      |
| 2. Berhampur | 12. Jajpur        |
| 3. Bhadrak   | 13. Jagatsinghpur |
| 4. Bolangir  | 14. Jharsuguda    |
| 5. Boudh     | 15. Kalahandi     |
| 6. Baragarh  | 16. Khurda        |
| 7. Cuttack   | 17. Koraput       |
| 8. Dhenkanal | 18. Keonjhar      |
| 9. Deogarh   | 19. Malkangiri    |
| 10. Ganjam   | 20. Mayurbhanj    |

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| 21. Nayagarh                             | 20. Jaleswar HO       |
| 22. Nuapada                              | 21. Baripada HO       |
| 23. Nawarangpur                          | 22. Rairangpur HO     |
| 24. Phulbani                             | 23. Sambalpur HO      |
| 25. Puri                                 | 24. Burla MDG         |
| 26. Rayagada                             | 25. Deogarh MDG       |
| 27. Rourkela                             | 26. Sundargarh HO     |
| 28. Sambalpur                            | 27. Rourkela HO       |
| 29. Sonepur                              | 28. Rajgangapur MDG   |
| 30. Sundergarh                           | 29. Uditnagar HO      |
| 31. Balasore                             | 30. Keonjhar HO       |
| 32. Kendrapada                           | 31. Barbil MDG        |
| 33. Paradeep                             | 32. Augul HO          |
| <b>List of Speed Post Centres (SPCs)</b> |                       |
| 1. Bhubaneswar GPO                       | 33. Talcher MDG       |
| 2. Saheed Nagar MDG                      | 34. Dhenkanal HO      |
| 3. Khurda HO                             | 35. Bolangir HO       |
| 4. Puri HO                               | 36. Sonepur MDG       |
| 5. Nimapara MDG                          | 37. Baragarh HO       |
| 6. Nayagarh HO                           | 38. Jharsuguda HO     |
| 7. Cuttack GPO                           | 39. Berhampur HO      |
| 8. Chandnichowk HO                       | 40. Chatrapur HO      |
| 9. Athagarh HO                           | 41. Aska HO           |
| 10. Jagatsingpur HO                      | 42. Bhanjanagar HO    |
| 11. Paradeep MDG                         | 43. Paralakhemundi HO |
| 12. Kendrapara HO                        | 44. Bhawanipatna HO   |
| 13. Pattamundai MDG                      | 45. Nuapada MDG       |
| 14. Salipur MDG                          | 46. Jeypore HO        |
| 15. Jajpur HO                            | 47. Koraput HO        |
| 16. Jajpur Road MDG                      | 48. Nawarangpur MDG   |
| 17. Bhadrak HO                           | 49. Malkangiri MDG    |
| 18. Balasore HO                          | 50. Rayagada HO       |
| 19. Soro MDG                             | 51. Phulbani HO       |
|  | 52. Boudhraj MDG      |