

Approval of Design of Vishwa Hindi Sachivalaya in Mauritius

†3762. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has approved maps etc. of the building of Vishwa Hindi Sachivalaya in Mauritius;
- (b) if so, when was it got approved; and
- (c) if not, by when the Government is going to approve it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) The Government have approved the concept design of the Vishwa Hindi Sachivalaya in Mauritius in April 2012. The concerned consultant architect have been advised to submit estimates for the project.

- (c) Does not arise

Haj Pilgrimage under VIP Quota

3763. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people that have undertaken Haj under VIP quota of Haj Committee of India (HCOI) in past three years;
- (b) the number out of them who undertook Haj under VIP quota were Government officials on or before undertaking Haj, with names and designations thereof;
- (c) the number out of them who undertook Haj under aforementioned quota were Ministers in States or Central Government and Members of Legislatures on, before or after undertaking Haj; and
- (d) the expense that was done under the head of VIP quota by HCOI with year-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) The number of people that have undertaken Haj under Government quota in past three years are as follows:

Sl. No.	Year	Number of pilgrims
1.	2009	5761
2.	2010	9800
3.	2011	5561

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(b) and (c) The VIP quota is utilized for pilgrims nominated by dignitaries and is available only to those applicants who participated in the draw of lots by State Haj Committees but were not successful. The nominations normally provides details of only names and cover numbers of the applicants.

(d) Nil, barring expenditure generally incurred on every Haj pilgrim.

Passport applications received at RPO, Jaipur

†3764. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for making passports received by the passport office at Jaipur (Rajasthan) during the year 2012-13, the number of passports issued, the number of applications rejected by the office and the number of applications still pending; and

(b) the action being taken by Government to make the process of issuing passports easier, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) The details of applications received and passports issued by Regional Passport Office, Jaipur is as under:

	In the old System (01.01.2012 to 19.03.2012)	In the new PSK system (20.03.2012 to 30.04.2012)
The number of applications for making passports received by the passport office at Jaipur (Rajasthan) in 2012-13	50556	10151
The number of passports issued	41738	3826
The number of applications pending due to delayed Police Verification Report or incomplete documentation	8818	6325

(b) The Ministry has launched a Mission Mode Project named Passport Seva Project, in order “to deliver all Passport-related services to the citizens in a timely, transparent, more accessible, reliable manner & in a comfortable environment through streamlined processes and committed, trained & motivated workforce”. The Passport Seva Project (PSP) incorporates the global best practices in the passport

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