

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 1188
ANSWERED ON- 05/12/2024

PERFORMANCE OF REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE, KOLKATA

1188. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the number of passport applications received and passports issued by the Regional Passport Office (RPO), Kolkata, over the last five years, year-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the number of passport applications that faced objections or were rejected by the RPO, Kolkata, during the same period, along with the primary reasons for such objections; and
- (c) whether the RPO, Kolkata, has organised any Videsh Sampark Programs in West Bengal in the last three years, if not, the reasons for not conducting such outreach initiatives?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) Number of passport applications received and passport issued by Regional Passport Office (RPO), Kolkata, from 2019 to 31st October 2024, year-wise and district-wise is attached at Annexure-I.
- (b) Number of passport applications that faced objections or were rejected by RPO Kolkata is attached at Annexure-II. The primary reason for such objection/ rejection of passport applications is insufficiency in documents submitted and/or mismatch in credentials in documents produced by the applicant.
- (c) No Videsh Sampark Program (VSP) was held in West Bengal during the last three years. Ministry regularly organises VSP's with the State Governments. Till now Ministry has organised 11 outreach events (VSP) in collaboration with the State Governments of Telangana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab, Haryana, Bihar, Tripura and Uttarakhand. The remaining States have not yet been taken up for organising VSP. However, organisation of VSP is a continuous process and Ministry will undertake VSP's in other states as well.

ANNEXURE-I

	Applications Received and Passports Issued - RPO Kolkata (district-wise)						Applications Received and Passports Issued - RPO Kolkata (district-wise)					
	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024 (upto 31.10.2024)	
District	Applications Received	Passports Issued	Applications Received	Passports Issued	Applications Received	Passports Issued	Applications Received	Passports Issued	Applications Received	Passports Issued	Applications Received	Passports Issued
Alipurduar	4987	4172	2076	2746	3268	2958	5105	4866	5265	4950	3711	3472
Bankura	4471	3411	1811	2473	2872	2807	4488	4292	4989	4768	4251	3985
Barrackpore	44627	40757	20108	21269	26083	24452	41147	37805	47556	44397	33905	32442
Baruipur	17297	16256	8068	7858	9619	9161	17753	15434	18926	17383	13909	12831
Basirhat	6963	4491	5580	6047	5921	5506	13152	10838	14937	15254	9163	8059
Bidhannagar	28408	27603	14083	14181	19186	18657	29913	28168	31917	30759	24434	22789
Birbhum	7310	5947	3514	4554	4508	3818	8480	8281	8859	8376	6526	6068
Bongaon	7	3	790	102	8512	7016	14377	12559	15667	14727	10316	8017
Chandannagar	16763	15361	7181	8310	10245	9467	15374	14318	16519	15359	13244	13238
Cooch Behar	6904	5726	2336	3675	2856	2502	6410	5753	7261	6795	4711	4146
Darjeeling	14870	14416	5962	7018	8468	8249	12505	11324	13338	12783	9632	8478
Diamond Harbour	13206	12673	6915	7340	9280	9251	14182	12517	14064	13620	10795	8989

East Medinipur	15483	13738	7255	8737	9731	9295	14594	14494	16126	14859	13008	12531
Hooghly Rural	14489	13456	6467	7269	8905	8679	16016	15238	17109	16431	12806	12144
Howrah	20669	19688	10828	11569	13761	13669	22730	21778	25727	25247	19819	17679
Howrah Rural	9988	9509	3124	3671	4096	3982	7307	7056	7513	7202	5606	5021
Islampur Police District	12	0	1639	1482	2297	2152	4742	4302	4821	4420	3998	3446
Jalpaiguri	11202	11745	4356	5280	5489	5543	11445	10243	12114	11552	7605	7240
Jangipur	0	0	0	0	4	1	84	2	5593	3810	4132	4469
Jhargram	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	1	892	770	821	781
Kalimpong	0	0	0	0	1703	1356	3778	3682	4403	4089	3591	3277
Kolkata	113959	111684	56755	55842	72728	73138	109398	103884	114351	110669	87759	79883
Malda	11947	9895	6079	7518	8486	7889	14786	13475	15091	13984	10849	9460
Murshidabad	41288	38329	20033	20704	29737	26184	57037	49288	41101	45214	27755	24235
Nadia	36298	31966	9557	11376	14400	13615	25601	22746	23906	22112	16990	14516
North 24 Parganas	42670	36639	16950	19587	14106	13738	26200	22992	27629	25208	19300	16210
Paschim Bardhaman	17474	14197	8540	10752	10901	10780	16632	15735	19351	18537	14699	13519
Purba Bardhaman	14647	12582	7240	9010	9933	9626	16741	15695	17824	16814	13016	10279
Purulia	2805	2083	1108	1764	1928	1881	2850	2764	3188	2937	2767	2418
Raiganj	8955	7345	1916	3603	2590	2530	5155	4799	5738	5287	3872	3297
Ranaghat	5079	2017	9048	9715	15077	14173	23787	19578	24650	23483	17197	14719
Siliguri	12679	13112	5475	5389	6777	6732	9791	9129	10760	10165	7981	7452

South Dinajpur	7387	5516	2177	3379	2961	3253	7211	6660	8859	8290	4638	4349
Sundarban	4314	3785	2386	2216	3363	3569	5173	4560	4848	4500	3721	3162
West Medinipur	12016	10585	5136	6501	7024	6627	11764	11086	12115	11997	10352	9362
Grand Total	569174	518687	264493	290937	356816	342256	595718	545342	623007	596748	456879	411963
	Note- 1:- States of Tripura & Sikkim and Anadaman & Nicobar Union Territories also falls under the jurisdiction of RPO Kolkata.						Note- 1:- States of Tripura & Sikkim and Anadaman & Nicobar Union Territories also falls under the jurisdiction of RPO Kolkata.					
	Note-2:- Passports issued in some cases is more than the applications received in that year. It is because of the pendency of previous year.						Note-2:- Passports issued in some cases is more than the applications received in that year. It is because of the pendency of previous year.					
	Applications Received and Passports Issued by RPO Kolkata (District Outside West Bengal)						Applications Received and Passports Issued by RPO Kolkata (District Outside West Bengal)					
	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024 (upto 31.10.2024)	
District	Applicat ions Receive d	Passpo rts Issued	Applicat ions Receive d	Passports Issued	Applicati ons Received	Passports Issued	Applicatio ns Received	Passports Issued	Applicatio ns Received	Passports Issued	Applicatio ns Received	Passports Issued
Dhalai	1267	968	586	812	481	454	1127	964	1692	1647	892	924
Gomati	3037	2702	2046	2396	1087	1126	2570	2272	2942	2827	1392	1296
Khowai	1440	1273	881	929	476	527	1256	1084	1642	1540	690	660

North Tripura	3145	1984	1080	1844	1251	1329	2334	2072	2819	2600	1373	1404
Sepahijala	6736	6145	4078	3783	2553	3116	5534	4679	6421	6037	3434	3264
South Tripura	2577	2216	1761	1725	1171	1243	2376	2246	3633	3432	1914	1839
Unakoti	2672	1919	1142	2058	1163	1153	2104	1935	2601	2490	1257	1273
West Tripura	17071	15739	9852	10552	5672	5868	12490	10677	18207	16434	9492	10411
Gangtok	4324	4606	1514	1416	2437	2286	3317	3256	3553	3386	3158	3159
South Andaman	1	1	22	7	1792	1545	3258	2759	4635	4992	4618	4379
Grand Total	42270	37553	22962	25522	18083	18647	36366	31944	48145	45385	28220	28609

Number of Applications Rejected by RPO Kolkata			
	Year	Applications Rejected	
	2019	0	
	2020	0	
	2021	6	
	2022	6	
	2023	9	
	2024 (till 31st October 2024)	17	
Number of Applications 'Put on Hold' by RPO Kolkata			
	Year	Applications 'Put on Hold'	
	2019	3362	
	2020	1872	
	2021	2746	
	2022	3621	
	2023	5121	
	2024 (till 31st October 2024)	2545	
