

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1843
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 22/12/2022

PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS (PSKS) IN ASSAM

1843. SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people of the state of Assam are facing inconvenience due to non-availability of sufficient Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) across the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in Assam;

(d) whether Government has any proposal to open and operate more PSKs in the State so as to facilitate the people in getting and renewing passports and other related services;

(e) if so, the details thereof including the places where these PSKs are proposed to be opened/operated; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) to (f) In Assam, there is 01 Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) and 15 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs), which are operational. In order to bring passport services closer to people residing in villages/remote/rural areas of the country, the Ministry, in association with the Department of Posts, decided in January 2017 to open Passport Kendras at the Head Post Offices (HPO)/ Post Offices (PO) in the country called 'Post Office Passport Seva Kendra' (POPSK) in each Parliamentary constituency where there is no Passport Seva Kendra (PSK). All the 14 Lok Sabha Constituencies of Assam are covered with a PSK or a POPSK. The list of PSK and POPSKs in the State of Assam is placed at Annexure-I.

ANNEXURE-I

| List of Passport Kendras in Assam State | | | |
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| State | RPO | PSK | POPSK |
| Assam | RPO Guwahati | Guwahati | 1. Barpeta |
| | | | 2. Dibrugarh |
| | | | 3. Dhubri |
| | | | 4. Goalpara |
| | | | 5. Golaghat |
| | | | 6. Jorhat |
| | | | 7. Karbi Anglong |
| | | | 8. Karimganj |
| | | | 9. Kokrajhar |
| | | | 10. Mangaldoi |
| | | | 11. Nagaon |
| | | | 12. North Lakhimpur |
| | | | 13. Silchar |
| | | | 14. Tezpur |
| | | | 15. Tinsukia |