

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-394**  
ANSWERED ON- 25/07/2024

**PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS**

394. SHRI IRANNA KADADI  
SHRI R. DHARMAR

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

- (a) the number of passport offices/Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) functioning in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, State-wise;
- (b) the number of applications received for issuing passport in each passport offices/ Seva Kendras and number of passports issued/renewed during last three years;
- (c) whether demand for passports has been rising year-by-year;
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to open more Passport Centres in the country to meet the rising demand, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is any shortage of manpower and infrastructure facilities at these centres, if so, details thereof; and
- (f) the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH]

- (a) There are five (05) Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) and twenty three (23) Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) currently functioning under Regional Passport Office (RPO), Bengaluru in Karnataka; and nine (09) PSKs and 29 POPSKs currently functioning under four Regional Passport Offices (RPOs), Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Tiruchirappalli in Tamil Nadu. List of PSKs (RPO/ State wise) is attached at Annexure I and list of POPSKs (RPO/ State wise) is attached at Annexure II .
- (b) Number of passport applications received and passports issued/ renewed in last three years is attached at Annexure III.
- (c) The demand of passport in India has been rising year by year. The list of Passport issued in last five (05) years is attached at Annexure IV.
- (d) Ministry in association with Department of Posts (DoP) had decided in January 2017 to open Seva Kendras at the Head Post Offices (HPO)/ Post Offices (PO) in the country called Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) in each Lok Sabha Constituency(LSC) where there is no PSK or a POPSK. As on date, 93 PSKs and 440 POPSKs have been set up in the country and are operational to cater to the needs of passport seekers. Opening of new passport offices/ Centres depends on several factors including on the volume of applications.

(e & f) Depending upon the exigency of work, officials/ officers of Central Passport Organisation (CPO) are posted at different Passport Offices on Temporary Duty to augment the working strength in the respective passport offices.

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**Annexure-I**

<b>S.NO</b>	<b>RPO Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>S. No. of PSKs</b>	<b>Name of PSK</b>
1	RPO Bengaluru	Karnataka	1	PSK Bengaluru, Lalbagh
		Karnataka	2	PSK Bengaluru, Sai Arcade
		Karnataka	3	PSK Hubballi-Dharwad
		Karnataka	4	PSK Mangaluru
		Karnataka	5	PSK Kalaburagi
2	RPO Chennai	Tamil Nadu	1	PSK Aminjikarai
		Tamil Nadu	2	PSK Saligramam
		Tamil Nadu	3	PSK Tambaram
		Tamil Nadu	4	PSK Puducherry
3	RPO Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	5	PSK Coimbatore
4	RPO Madurai	Tamil Nadu	6	PSK Madurai
		Tamil Nadu	7	PSK Tirunelveli City
5	RPO Tiruchirappalli	Tamil Nadu	8	PSK Thanjavur
		Tamil Nadu	9	PSK Tiruchirappalli

<b>List of POPSKs RPO/ State-wise</b>		
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Locations of POPSK</b>	<b>Passport Office</b>
<b>Karnataka</b>		
1	Ankola	Bengaluru
2	Bagalkot	Bengaluru
3	Belagavi	Bengaluru
4	Ballari	Bengaluru
5	Bidar	Bengaluru
6	Chamarajanagar	Bengaluru
7	Channapatna	Bengaluru
8	Chikkaballapur	Bengaluru
9	Chikkodi	Bengaluru
10	Chitradurga	Bengaluru
11	Davangere	Bengaluru
12	Gadag	Bengaluru
13	Hassan	Bengaluru
14	Jalahalli	Bengaluru
15	Koppal	Bengaluru
16	Maddur	Bengaluru
17	Mysuru	Bengaluru
18	Raichur	Bengaluru
19	Robertsonpet	Bengaluru
20	Shivamogga	Bengaluru
21	Tumakuru	Bengaluru
22	Udupi	Bengaluru
23	Vijayapura	Bengaluru
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>		
1	Arani	Chennai
2	Chennai GPO	Chennai
3	Chidambaram	Chennai
4	Cuddalore	Chennai
5	Dharmapuri	Chennai
6	Kallakurichi	Chennai
7	Kancheepuram	Chennai
8	Krishnagiri	Chennai

9	Ranipet	Chennai
10	Tiruvallur	Chennai
11	Tiruvannamalai	Chennai
12	Vellore	Chennai
13	Villupuram	Chennai
14	Coonoor	Coimbatore
15	Erode	Coimbatore
16	Rasipuram	Coimbatore
17	Salem	Coimbatore
18	Bodineyaknur	Madurai
19	Devakottai	Madurai
20	Kodai Road	Madurai
21	Nagercoil	Madurai
22	Rajapalayam	Madurai
23	Ramanathapuram	Madurai
24	Thoothukkudi	Madurai
25	Virudhunagar	Madurai
26	Karur	Tiruchirappalli
27	Perambalur	Tiruchirappalli
28	Sirkali	Tiruchirappalli
29	Thiruthuraiipoondi	Tiruchirappalli

<b>Year</b>	<b>Passport Issued (India)</b>	<b>Passport Issued (Mission)</b>	<b>Total Passport Issued (India + Mission)</b>
2019	1,11,15,315	7,40,369	1,18,55,684
2020	54,12,579	8,26,397	62,38,976
2021	73,63,494	9,91,111	83,54,605
2022	1,17,18,911	12,17,913	1,29,36,824
2023	1,37,54,422	12,48,933	1,50,03,355
2024 (Till June)	66,05,906	7,95,605	74,01,511

<b>Year</b>	<b>Passport Application Received (India)</b>	<b>Passport Issued (India)</b>	<b>Passport Application Received (Mission)</b>	<b>Passport Issued (Mission)</b>	<b>Total Passport Application Received (India+ Mission)</b>	<b>Total Passport Issued (India+ Mission)</b>
2021	77,39,725	73,63,494	11,44,434	9,91,111	88,84,159	83,54,605
2022	1,22,03,991	1,17,18,911	12,52,501	12,17,913	1,34,56,492	1,29,36,824
2023	1,42,43,195	1,37,54,422	13,71,398	12,48,933	1,56,14,593	1,50,03,355

## Passports issued State-wise during last 5 years

State	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Andaman and Nicobar	65	19	1637	3031	5534
Andhra Pradesh	406947	189276	306431	503895	590921
Arunachal Pradesh	5033	2001	2068	3786	5423
Assam	94373	41574	58018	118943	132252
Bihar	301118	169218	255005	395609	374362
Chandigarh	34827	16659	21051	27560	32965
Chhattisgarh	56669	21337	27204	48230	54097
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	2924	1113	1983	2889	3346
Daman and Diu	5615	3266	5304	4238	4310
Delhi	472744	213254	287905	415979	495072
Goa	51352	26486	34268	51026	56910
Gujarat	838068	380582	514258	759560	1021350
Haryana	403413	201690	288303	481993	582408
Himachal Pradesh	59061	28124	41420	53481	69909
Jammu and Kashmir	121840	72958	67157	121127	158985
Jharkhand	92826	40431	66488	100645	108632
Karnataka	762962	344302	427835	713991	834992
Kerala	1192862	650708	929369	1513058	1547825
Ladakh	20	968	2337	4080	6288
Lakshadweep	2128	864	1064	2049	2445
Madhya Pradesh	220207	92063	112721	199785	238914
Maharashtra	1296683	566199	764668	1250829	1510112
Manipur	14798	5415	7440	13437	11347
Meghalaya	9190	3398	3583	7212	9871
Mizoram	5999	2176	2373	4796	7118
Nagaland	6852	3285	3949	5337	7855
Odisha	114751	53502	74728	111994	124239
Puducherry	26309	13517	18888	28061	30389
Punjab	946793	482413	644678	935884	1194100
Rajasthan	344030	174611	225950	377479	453139
Sikkim	6642	2082	3140	4937	6110
Tamil Nadu	1045803	471717	667563	1053907	1147513
Telangana	524108	276766	420929	634854	791680
Tripura	33223	24170	14864	26026	37153

Uttar Pradesh	987102	496619	642165	1115650	1368760
Uttarakhand	107127	48198	73676	99135	129602
West Bengal	520935	291653	343071	546710	598494
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11115399</b>	<b>5412614</b>	<b>7363491</b>	<b>11741203</b>	<b>13754422</b>

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