

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2004**  
ANSWERED ON- 12/12/2024

**PASSPORT SEVA KENDRA IN THE COUNTRY**

2004. SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN

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

- (a) the number of Passport Seva Kendra functioning in the country, State-wise including Assam;
- (b) the number of applications for passports pending in Assam along with the corrective measures taken by Government to clear the same in time bound manner;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to open more Passport Seva Kendra in every district headquarters in Assam;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with funds sanctioned;
- (e) whether Government has any proposal for faster Passport service to students; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) There are 93 Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) and 442 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) in India, including 1 PSK and 15 POPSKs covering all 14 Lok Sabha Constituencies (LSCs) in the state of Assam. The list is attached at Annexure-I.
- (b) The number of passport applications pending under Regional Passport Office (RPO) Guwahati on 02 December 2024 is 127. Due to the rise in demand, the Ministry has been working continuously to speed up passport issuance and meet high or seasonal demand for Passport by taking various steps including increasing the number of daily appointments and organising special drives on weekends. Staff from Ministry and other RPOs is also being deployed to clear the pendency as part of the special drive.
- (c & d) Opening of a PSK/ POPSK, including in the State of Assam, is an on-going activity and depends upon various factors including distance from existing PSK/ POPSK and the volume of passport applications from a particular region.
- (e & f) There is a provision for faster issue of passports under “Tatkaal” scheme. Students can also apply under this category. The applicant gets priority in obtaining appointment and in printing of the passport. Passports are dispatched within a period of 1-3 days after submission of application under this category.

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**List of PSKs / POPSKs in Assam**

| <b>PSKs</b> | <b>POPSKs</b>  |
|-------------|--|
| Guwahati    | Karbi Anglong<br>Barpeta<br>Dhubri<br>Goalpara<br>Dibrugarh<br>Tinsukia<br>Jorhat<br>Golaghat<br>Karimganj<br>Kokrajhar<br>North Lakhimpur<br>Mangaldoi<br>Nagaon<br>Silchar<br>Tezpur |

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