

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 413**  
ANSWERED ON- 28/11/2024

**VACANT POSTS IN THE PASSPORT OFFICES**

413. SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM

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

- (a) the total number of posts, category-wise, lying vacant in the passport offices of the country, along with their vacancy period;
- (b) whether Government is aware of the fact that issuance and renewal of passports to people is taking a long time due to vacant posts in the passport offices across the country; and
- (c) if so, the reasons as to why Government has failed to fill the vacant posts?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Details of posts, category-wise, lying vacant in the Passport Offices are as follows:

<b>Name of post</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>
Passport Officer	04
Deputy Passport Officer	13
Assistant Passport Officer	07
Senior Superintendent	74
Superintendent	172
Assistant Superintendent	273
Senior Passport Assistant	110
Junior Passport Assistant	251
Assistant Director	03
Junior Translation Officer	15
Stenographer (Grade-I)	02
Stenographer (Grade-II)	06

Office Assistant	65
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(b & c) Government is making all efforts for timely issuance of passports to the citizens. Government is also taking all remedial measures for filling up the vacancies as per procedures. 447 vacancies have been reported to Staff Selection Commission (SSC) for filling up the vacant posts in Direct Recruitment category of the grades of Office Assistant, Junior Passport Assistant, Assistant Superintendent, Stenographer and Junior Translation Officer.

Promotions through Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) and Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) are being carried out in a timely manner.

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