

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2248
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2026**

POST OFFICE PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS (POPSKS)

**2248 # SHRI BABURAM NISHAD:
SMT. KIRAN CHOUDHRY:
SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:
SHRI MADAN RATHORE:
SHRI SHAMBHU SHARAN PATEL:
SHRI CHUNNILAL GARASIYA:
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SMT. SEEMA DWIVEDI:
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SMT. MAYA NAROLIYA:
SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:
SHRI SUBHASH BARALA:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress under scheme of opening Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) in all Lok Sabha Constituencies, including those operational, circle-wise;
- (b) the number of applications processed during the last three years and the details of new services started;
- (c) whether the Ministry has assessed the impact of the initiative on passport access; and
- (d) if so, the findings thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

- (a) As on date, 452 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) have been operationalized across 23 Circles. Details are placed at **Annexure**.
- (b) Details of the number of passport applications, including police clearance certificates in the last 3 years are - 35,05,818 (2023), 32,38,811 (2024) and 39,59,325 (2025).
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has undertaken periodic assessments to evaluate the impact of POPSK expansion on passport accessibility. Significant access to passport services for citizens by reducing travel distance, time and associated costs are observed. POPSKs have also enhanced last-mile connectivity and made passport services more inclusive, affordable, and citizen-centric across the country.

Annexure referred to in part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2248 to be answered on 12.03.2026

No. of POPSKs Circle Wise		
Sl. No.	Name of Circle	No. of POPSKs
1	Andhra Pradesh	21
2	Assam	15
3	Bihar	37
4	Chhattisgarh	9
5	Delhi	5
6	Gujarat	25
7	Haryana	11
8	Himachal Pradesh	6
9	J&K	6
10	Jharkhand	15
11	Karnataka	23
12	Kerala	9
13	Madhya Pradesh	25
14	Maharashtra	42
15	North East	5
16	Odisha	20
17	Punjab	9
18	Rajasthan	24
19	Tamil Nadu	32
20	Telangana	14
21	Uttar Pradesh	52
22	Uttarakhand	6
23	West Bengal	41
	TOTAL	452
