

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2065
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018

POPSK

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme, called Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its salient features;
- (c) whether the Government has any record regarding the number of POPSKs functioning in the country;
- (d) if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is implementing any scheme to augment facilities in the POPSKs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the above purpose for the last two years, year-wise and State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) & (b) Yes. The Ministry in association with the Department of Posts has decided to open 251 Passport Seva Kendras at the Head Post Offices (HPO)/ Post Offices (PO) in the country called 'Post Office Passport Seva Kendra' (POPSK). The list of these 251 POPSK is at **Annexure-I**.

The POPSK are functioning like the other existing 93 Passport Seva Kendras (PSK). The process of issuing passports has not changed after the opening of the POPSK. Applicants, who apply for their passports online through the passport portal, can schedule an appointment and then visit the designated POPSK to complete the formalities similar to those at the PSK necessary prior to the issue of the passport. The photographs, biometrics and the supporting documents would be electronically captured at the POPSK prior to the issue of the Passport.

(c) & (d) Out of the 251 POPSK announced, 152 POPSK were functional as on 04th March, 2018 (**Annexure-II**).

(e) POPSKs are to be opened in the Head Post Offices (HPO)/ Post Offices (PO) which are under the administrative control of the Department of Posts. The Government is providing facilities at the POPSK similar to any PSK operational in the country.

(f) The Department of Posts has provided the premises at the HPO/ PO for the opening of the POPSK. The Ministry has procured the necessary IT and non-IT equipment necessary for the functioning of the POPSK. The expenditure for these procurements is met out of the 'Information Technology' and 'Office Expenses' Budget Heads of the CPV Division. The funds allocated in BE and RE for Financial Years 2016-17 and 2017-18 are as follows:

(Rs. Crores)

Particulars	2016-17		2017-18	
	BE	RE	BE	RE
Information Technology	170.00	172.00	170.00	231.73
Office Expenses	12.00	13.20	13.00	10.93

LIST OF 251 POPSK IN THE COUNTRY

S.No.	Locations	State/UT	Passport Office
1.	Anantpur	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
2.	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
3.	Krishna	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
4.	Ongole	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
5.	Chittoor	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
6.	Kakinada	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
7.	Srikakulam	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
8.	Kadappa	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
9.	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
10.	Nellore	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
11.	Rajamundry	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
12.	Changlang	Arunachal Pradesh	Guwahati
13.	Tirap	Arunachal Pradesh	Guwahati
14.	Silchar	Assam	Guwahati
15.	Dhubri	Assam	Guwahati
16.	Dibrugarh	Assam	Guwahati
17.	Goalpara	Assam	Guwahati
18.	Karbi Anglong	Assam	Guwahati
19.	Kokrajhar	Assam	Guwahati
20.	Mangaldoi	Assam	Guwahati
21.	North Lakhimpur	Assam	Guwahati
22.	Sonitpur	Assam	Guwahati
23.	Tinsukia	Assam	Guwahati
24.	Chhapra	Bihar	Patna
25.	Gopalganj	Bihar	Patna
26.	Muzaffarpur	Bihar	Patna
27.	Purnea	Bihar	Patna
28.	Bhagalpur	Bihar	Patna
29.	Siwan	Bihar	Patna
30.	Bettiah	Bihar	Patna
31.	Begusarai	Bihar	Patna
32.	Buxar	Bihar	Patna
33.	East Champaran	Bihar	Patna
34.	Gaya	Bihar	Patna
35.	Madhubani	Bihar	Patna
36.	Samastipur	Bihar	Patna
37.	Supaul	Bihar	Patna
38.	Munger	Bihar	Patna
39.	Navada	Bihar	Patna
40.	Surguja	Chattisgarh	Raipur
41.	Durg	Chattisgarh	Raipur
42.	Bilaspur	Chattisgarh	Raipur
43.	Rajnandgaon	Chattisgarh	Raipur
44.	Silvasa	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	Mumbai
45.	Daman	Daman	Mumbai
46.	North West Delhi	Delhi	Delhi
47.	Janak Puri	Delhi	Delhi
48.	Nehru Place	Delhi	Delhi

49.	Patparganj	Delhi	Delhi
50.	Yamuna Vihar	Delhi	Delhi
51.	Krishna Nagar	Delhi	Delhi
52.	Lodhi Road	Delhi	Delhi
53.	Saket	Delhi	Delhi
54.	South Goa	Goa	Panaji
55.	Dahod	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
56.	Palanpur	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
57.	Mehsana	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
58.	Bhuj	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
59.	Veraval	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
60.	Anand	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
61.	Bharuch	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
62.	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
63.	Jamnagar	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
64.	Junagadh	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
65.	Kheda	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
66.	Navsari	Gujarat	Surat
67.	Valsad	Gujarat	Surat
68.	Karnal	Haryana	Chandigarh
69.	Hisar	Haryana	Chandigarh
70.	Bhiwani	Haryana	Chandigarh
71.	Kaithal	Haryana	Chandigarh
72.	Panipat	Haryana	Chandigarh
73.	Yamunanagar	Haryana	Chandigarh
74.	Faridabad	Haryana	Delhi
75.	Narnaul	Haryana	Delhi
76.	Rohtak	Haryana	Delhi
77.	Sonipat	Haryana	Delhi
78.	Palampur	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
79.	Hamirpur	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
80.	Kangra	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
81.	Kullu	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
82.	Mandi	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
83.	Una	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
84.	Anantnag	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
85.	Baramulla	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
86.	Kathua	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
87.	Rajouri	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
88.	Udhampur	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
89.	Leh	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
90.	Dhanbad	Jharkhand	Ranchi
91.	Dumka	Jharkhand	Ranchi
92.	Jamshedpur	Jharkhand	Ranchi
93.	Deoghar	Jharkhand	Ranchi
94.	Bokaro	Jharkhand	Ranchi
95.	Hazaribagh	Jharkhand	Ranchi
96.	Medininagar	Jharkhand	Ranchi
97.	Mysuru	Karnataka	Bengaluru
98.	Bellary	Karnataka	Bengaluru
99.	Bidar	Karnataka	Bengaluru
100.	Gadag	Karnataka	Bengaluru

101.	Raichur	Karnataka	Bengaluru
102.	Shivamogga	Karnataka	Bengaluru
103.	Tumakuru	Karnataka	Bengaluru
104.	Udupi	Karnataka	Bengaluru
105.	Vijayapur	Karnataka	Bengaluru
106.	Belagavi	Karnataka	Bengaluru
107.	Devangere	Karnataka	Bengaluru
108.	Hassan	Karnataka	Bengaluru
109.	Chengannur	Kerala	Cochin
110.	Idukki	Kerala	Cochin
111.	Kasargod	Kerala	Kozhikode
112.	Pathanamthitta	Kerala	Trivandrum
113.	Kavaratti	Lakshadweep	Cochin
114.	Vidisha	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
115.	Ratlam	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
116.	Shivpuri	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
117.	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
118.	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
119.	Balaghat	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
120.	Chhindwara	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
121.	Dewas	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
122.	Damoh	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
123.	Hoshangabad	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
124.	Sehore	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
125.	Sidhi	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
126.	Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
127.	Betul	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
128.	Shivni	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
129.	Satna	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
130.	Sindhudurg	Maharashtra	Mumbai
131.	Wardha	Maharashtra	Mumbai
132.	Jalna	Maharashtra	Nagpur
133.	Latur	Maharashtra	Nagpur
134.	Ahmednagar	Maharashtra	Pune
135.	Pandharpur	Maharashtra	Pune
136.	Sangli	Maharashtra	Pune
137.	Satara	Maharashtra	Pune
138.	Beed	Maharashtra	Mumbai
139.	Mumbai North Central	Maharashtra	Mumbai
140.	Mumbai South Central	Maharashtra	Mumbai
141.	Ghatkopar	Maharashtra	Mumbai
142.	Aurangabad	Maharashtra	Mumbai
143.	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra	Mumbai
144.	Dombivali	Maharashtra	Mumbai
145.	Panvel	Maharashtra	Mumbai
146.	Nanded (N)	Maharashtra	Nagpur
147.	Kolhapur	Maharashtra	Pune
148.	Pimpri Chinchwad	Maharashtra	Pune
149.	Jalgaon	Maharashtra	Thane
150.	Baghmara	Meghalaya	Guwahati
151.	Tura	Meghalaya	Guwahati
152.	Rourkela	Odisha	Bhubaneswar

153.	Sambalpur	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
154.	Koraput	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
155.	Balasore	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
156.	Baripada	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
157.	Berhampur (Ganjam)	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
158.	Bhawanipatna (Kalahandi)	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
159.	Karaikal	Puducherry	Chennai
160.	Tarn Taran	Punjab	Amritsar
161.	Patiala	Punjab	Chandigarh
162.	Bathinda	Punjab	Chandigarh
163.	Sangrur	Punjab	Chandigarh
164.	Gurdaspur	Punjab	Jalandhar
165.	Moga	Punjab	Jalandhar
166.	SBS Nagar (Nawan Shahar)	Punjab	Jalandhar
167.	Phagwara	Punjab	Jalandhar
168.	Kota	Rajasthan	Jaipur
169.	Bikaner	Rajasthan	Jaipur
170.	Barmer	Rajasthan	Jaipur
171.	Jhunjhunu	Rajasthan	Jaipur
172.	Jaisalmer	Rajasthan	Jaipur
173.	Jhalawar	Rajasthan	Jaipur
174.	Ajmer	Rajasthan	Jaipur
175.	Churu	Rajasthan	Jaipur
176.	Dungarpur	Rajasthan	Jaipur
177.	Hanumangarh	Rajasthan	Jaipur
178.	Karauli-Dhaulpur	Rajasthan	Jaipur
179.	Nagaur	Rajasthan	Jaipur
180.	Sriganganagar	Rajasthan	Jaipur
181.	Alwar	Rajasthan	Jaipur
182.	Chittorgarh	Rajasthan	Jaipur
183.	Banswada	Rajasthan	Jaipur
184.	Pali	Rajasthan	Jaipur
185.	Vellore	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
186.	Salem	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore
187.	Viluppuram	Tamilnadu	Chennai
188.	Namakkal	Tamilnadu	Coimbatore
189.	Tiruppur	Tamilnadu	Coimbatore
190.	Tiruvannamalai	Tamilnadu	Chennai
191.	Ramanathapuram	Tamilnadu	Madurai
192.	Cuddalore	Tamilnadu	Madurai
193.	Dindigul	Tamilnadu	Madurai
194.	Sivaganga	Tamilnadu	Madurai
195.	Virudhunagar	Tamilnadu	Madurai
196.	Kanyakumari (N)	Tamilnadu	Madurai
197.	Perambalur	Tamilnadu	Tiruchirapalli
198.	Pudukkottai	Tamilnadu	Tiruchirapalli
199.	Mehbubnagar	Telangana	Hyderabad
200.	Warangal	Telangana	Hyderabad
201.	Adilabad	Telangana	Hyderabad
202.	Medak	Telangana	Hyderabad
203.	Khammam	Telangana	Hyderabad

204.	Siddipet	Telangana	Hyderabad
205.	Nalgonda	Telangana	Hyderabad
206.	Bijnaur	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
207.	Pilibhit	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
208.	Moradabad	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
209.	Rampur	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
210.	Mathura	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
211.	Meerut	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
212.	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
213.	GautamBudh Nagar	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
214.	Aligarh	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
215.	Saharanpur	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
216.	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
217.	Deoria	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
218.	Sultanpur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
219.	Jhansi	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
220.	Ghazipur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
221.	Mirzapur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
222.	Ayodhya/ Faizabad	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
223.	Amethi	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
224.	Azamgarh	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
225.	Bahraich	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
226.	Ballia	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
227.	Balrampur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
228.	Barabanki	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
229.	Basti	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
230.	Gonda	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
231.	Jaunpur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
232.	Kushi Nagar	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
233.	Mau	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
234.	Sitapur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
235.	Pratapgarh	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
236.	RaeBareli	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
237.	Unnao	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
238.	Almora	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
239.	Haldwani/Kathgodam	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
240.	Nainital	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
241.	Pauri	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
242.	Roorkee	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
243.	Rudrapur	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
244.	Nadia (Krishnanagar)	West Bengal	Kolkata
245.	North Kolkata (Beadon Street)	West Bengal	Kolkata
246.	Asansol	West Bengal	Kolkata
247.	Raiganj	West Bengal	Kolkata
248.	Bardhman	West Bengal	Kolkata
249.	Barrackpore	West Bengal	Kolkata
250.	Darjeeling	West Bengal	Kolkata
251.	Malda	West Bengal	Kolkata

ANNEXURE-II

List of functional POPSK as on 04th March, 2018

S.No.	Locations	State/UT	Passport Office
1	Anantpur	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
2	Chittoor	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
3	Kadappa	Andhra Pradesh	Vishakhapatnam
4	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	Vishakhapatnam
5	Nellore	Andhra Pradesh	Vishakhapatnam
6	Dibrugarh	Assam	Guwahati
7	Mangaldoi	Assam	Guwahati
8	Silchar	Assam	Guwahati
9	Buxar	Bihar	Patna
10	Chhapra	Bihar	Patna
11	East Champaran	Bihar	Patna
12	Gaya	Bihar	Patna
13	Madhubani	Bihar	Patna
14	Muzaffarpur	Bihar	Patna
15	Purnea	Bihar	Patna
16	Bhagalpur	Bihar	Patna
17	Samastipur	Bihar	Patna
18	Siwan	Bihar	Patna
19	Bettiah	Bihar	Patna
20	Bilaspur	Chattisgarh	Raipur
21	Durg	Chattisgarh	Raipur
22	Rajnandgaon	Chattisgarh	Raipur
23	Surguja	Chattisgarh	Raipur
24	Silvasa	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	Mumbai
25	Daman	Daman	Mumbai
26	Janak Puri	Delhi	Delhi
27	Nehru Place	Delhi	Delhi
28	Patparganj	Delhi	Delhi
29	Yamuna Vihar	Delhi	Delhi
30	Anand	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
31	Bharuch	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
32	Dahod	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
33	Jamnagar	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
34	Junagadh	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
35	Kheda	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
36	Palanpur	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
37	Bhuj	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
38	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
39	Mehsana	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
40	Navsari	Gujarat	Surat
41	Valsad	Gujarat	Surat
42	Veraval	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
43	Karnal	Haryana	Chandigarh
44	Hisar	Haryana	Chandigarh
45	Panipat	Haryana	Chandigarh
46	Faridabad	Haryana	Delhi
47	Yamunanagar	Haryana	Chandigarh
48	Mandi	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
49	Palampur	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla

50	Hamirpur	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
51	Kangra	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
52	Kullu	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
53	Una	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
54	Anantnag	J & K	Srinagar
55	Baramulla	J & K	Srinagar
56	Kathua	J & K	Jammu
57	Rajouri	J & K	Jammu
58	Udhampur	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
59	Leh	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
60	Bokaro	Jharkhand	Ranchi
61	Hazaribagh	Jharkhand	Ranchi
62	Jamshedpur	Jharkhand	Ranchi
63	Deoghar	Jharkhand	Ranchi
64	Dhanbad	Jharkhand	Ranchi
65	Dumka	Jharkhand	Ranchi
66	Belagavi	Karnataka	Bengaluru
67	Bellary	Karnataka	Bengaluru
68	Davangere	Karnataka	Bengaluru
69	Gadag	Karnataka	Bengaluru
70	Hassan	Karnataka	Bengaluru
71	Mysuru	Karnataka	Bangalore
72	Shivamogga	Karnataka	Bengaluru
73	Tumakuru	Karnataka	Bengaluru
74	Udupi	Karnataka	Bengaluru
75	Vijayapur	Karnataka	Bengaluru
76	Chengannur	Kerala	Cochin
77	Idukki (Kattappana)	Kerala	Cochin
78	Pathanamthitta	Kerala	Trivandrum
79	Kasargod	Kerala	Kozhikode
80	Kavaratti	Lakshadweep	Cochin
81	Balaghat	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
82	Dewas	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
83	Vidisha	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
84	Satna	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
85	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
86	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
87	Kolhapur	Maharashtra	Pune
88	Aurangabad	Maharashtra	Mumbai
89	Ghatkopar/Vikhroli	Maharashtra	Mumbai
90	Pimpri Chinchwad	Maharashtra	Pune
91	Wardha	Maharashtra	Nagpur
92	Balasore	Odisha	Bhubaneshwar
93	Baripada	Odisha	Bhubaneshwar
94	Berhampur	Odisha	Bhubaneshwar
95	Bhawanipatna	Odisha	Bhubaneshwar
96	Rourkela	Odisha	Bhubaneshwar
97	Sambalpur	Odisha	Bhubaneshwar
98	Koraput	Odisha	Bhubaneshwar
99	Karaikal	Puducherry	Chennai
100	Bathinda	Punjab	Chandigarh
101	Moga	Punjab	Jalandhar

102	Patiala	Punjab	Chandigarh
103	Ajmer	Rajasthan	Jaipur
104	Alwar	Rajasthan	Jaipur
105	Barmer	Rajasthan	Jaipur
106	Chittorgarh	Rajasthan	Jaipur
107	Churu	Rajasthan	Jaipur
108	Karauli-Dhaulpur	Rajasthan	Jaipur
109	Kota	Rajasthan	Jaipur
110	Bikaner	Rajasthan	Jaipur
111	Hanumangarh	Rajasthan	Jaipur
112	Jhunjhunu	Rajasthan	Jaipur
113	Jaisalmer	Rajasthan	Jaipur
114	Jhalawar	Rajasthan	Jaipur
115	Nagaur	Rajasthan	Jaipur
116	Pali	Rajasthan	Jaipur
117	Sriganganagar	Rajasthan	Jaipur
118	Cuddalore	Tamilnadu	Chennai
119	Kanyakumari	Tamilnadu	Madurai
120	Salem	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore
121	Tiruvannamalai	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
122	Vellore	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
123	Virudhunagar	Tamilnadu	Madurai
124	Viluppuram	Tamilnadu	Chennai
125	Adilabad	Telangana	Hyderabad
126	Khammam	Telangana	Hyderabad
127	Mehbubnagar	Telangana	Hyderabad
128	Siddipet	Telangana	Hyderabad
129	Warangal (Hanamkonda)	Telangana	Hyderabad
130	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
131	Ballia	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
132	Bijnaur	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
133	Jhansi	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
134	Moradabad	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
135	Pilibhit	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
136	Ghazipur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
137	Ayodhya/ Faizabad	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
138	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
139	Deoria	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
140	Unnao	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
141	Meerut	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
142	Almora	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
143	Haldwani (now at Kathgodam)	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
144	Nainital	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
145	Roorkee	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
146	Rudrapur	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
147	Asansol	West Bengal	Kolkata
148	Bardhaman	West Bengal	Kolkata
149	Raiganj (North Dinajpur)	West Bengal	Kolkata
150	Nadia (Krishnanagar)	West Bengal	Kolkata
151	North Kolkata (Beadon Street)	West Bengal	Kolkata
152	Malda	West Bengal	Kolkata
