

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2072  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 2023**

**POST OFFICE PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS**

**2072. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to start Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) in all Tehsil headquarters or in all district Headquarters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of POPSKs set up so far in the State of West Bengal;
- (c) the details of the number of POPSKs which have started functioning so far in Maharashtra along with the number of POPSKs proposed to be made operational in the near future; and
- (d) the extent to which getting passports is likely to become easier through POPSKs along with the details of its style of functioning?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) The list of Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) set up so far in the state of West Bengal is given in **Annexure I**.
- (c) The list of POPSKs which have started functioning so far in Maharashtra is given in **Annexure II**. The list of POPSKs identified to be opened in Maharashtra subject to feasibility and concurrence of Ministry of External Affairs is given in **Annexure III**.
- (d) The introduction of Post Office Passport Seva Kendras has made Passport making process convenient, speedy and cost effective for the citizens of India, who now are not required to travel long distances or face long waiting period to get a passport. POPSKs function in the following way:-

An Applicant visits the designated POPSK on date and time slot allotted as per online appointment on Passport Seva Portal to complete the process of verification of documents, capturing of photograph, finger prints, signatures etc. The file created in the system is verified online by the Verification Officer which is then submitted online to Granting Officer of the respective Passport Office for Police Verification and thereafter printing and despatch of the Passport.

**Annexure referred to in reply of para (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2072 for 02-08-2023 regarding Post Office Passport Seva Kendras in West Bengal**

S.No.	Location	District	Parliamentary Constituency
1.	Alipurduar	Alipurduar	Alipurduar
2.	Amta	Howrah	Uluberia
3.	Arambagh	Hooghly	Arambagh
4.	Asansol	Paschim Bardhaman	Asansol
5.	Ashoknagar	North 24 Parganas	Barsat
6.	Balurghat	Dakshin Dinajpur	Balurghat
7.	Bangaon	North 24 Parganas	Bangaon
8.	Bankura	Bankura	Bankura
9.	Bardhaman	Purba Bardhaman	Bardhaman
10.	Barrackpore	North 24 Parganas	Barrackpore
11.	Basirhat	North 24 Parganas	Basirhat
12.	Beadon Street	Kolkata	Kolkata Uttar
13.	Bishnupur	Bankura	Bishnupur
14.	Bolpur	Birbhum	Bolpur
15.	Canning Town Ferry Ghat	South 24 Parganas	Jaynagar
16.	Chinsurah	Hooghly	Hoogly
17.	Coochbehar	Cooch Behar	Coochbehar
18.	Darjeeling	Darjeeling	Darjeeling
19.	Diamond Harbour	South 24 Parganas	Diamond Harbour
20.	Dum Dum	North 24 Parganas	Dum Dum
21.	Ghatal	Paschim Medinipur	Ghatal
22.	Howrah	Howrah	Howrah
23.	Jadavpur	Kolkata	Jadavpur
24.	Jalpaiguri	Jalpaiguri	Jalpaiguri
25.	Jhargram	Jhargram	Jhargram
26.	Jiyaganj	Murshidabad	Murshidabad
27.	Kakdweep	South 24 Parganas	Mathurapur
28.	Contai	Purba Medinipur	Contai
29.	Katwa	Purba Bardhaman	Bardhaman Purba
30.	Kharagpur	Paschim Medinipur	Medinipur
31.	Krishnanagar	Nadia	Krishnanagar
32.	Makdumpur	Malda	Maldha Daskhin
33.	Purulia	Purulia	Purulia
34.	Raghunathganj	Murshidabad	Jangipur
35.	Raiganj	Uttar Dinajpur	North Dinajpur
36.	Rampurhat	Birbhum	Birbhum
37.	Ranaghat	Nadia	Ranaghat
38.	Samsi	Malda	Maldaha Uttar
39.	Serampore	Hooghly	Serampore
40.	Tamluk	Purba Medinipur	Tamluk

**Annexure II**

**Annexure referred to in reply of para (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2072 for 02-08-2023 regarding Post Office Passport Seva Kendras in Maharashtra**

S.No	Location	District	Parliamentary Constituency
1.	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	Aurangabad
2.	Bhiwandi	Thane	Bhiwandi
3.	Bhusawal	Jalgaon	Raver
4.	Dhule	Dhule	Dhule
5.	Jalgaon	Jalgaon	Jalgaon
6.	Rajapur	Ratnagiri	Ratagiri Sindhudurg
7.	Santacruz	Mumbai Suburban	Mumbai North Central
8.	Sion	Mumbai City	Mumbai South Central
9.	Vashi	Thane	Thane
10.	Kannamwar Nagar (Vikroli)	Mumbai Suburban	Mumbai North East
11.	Tajnapeth (Akola)	Akola	Akola
12.	Amravati	Amravati	Amravati
13.	Bhandara	Bhandara	Bhandara Gondiya
14.	Buldhana	Buldana	Buldhana
15.	Chandrapur	Chandrapur	Chanrapur
16.	Gadchiroli	Gadchiroli	Gadchiroli
17.	Hingoli	Hingoli	Hingoli
18.	Katol	Nagpur	Ramtek
19.	Wardha	Wardha	Wardha
20.	Yavatmal	Yavatmal	Yavatmal
21.	Ahmednagar	Ahmednagar	Ahmednagar
22.	Baramati	Pune	Baramati
23.	Beed	Beed	Beed
24.	Ichalkaranji	Kolhapur	Hatkanangle
25.	Jalna	Jalna	Jalna
26.	Kolhapur	Kolhapur	Kolhapur
27.	Latur	Latur	Latur
28.	Madha	Solapur	Madha
29.	Nanded	Nanded	Nanded
30.	Osmanabad	Osmanabad	Osmanabad
31.	Navipeth Pandharpur	Solapur	Solapur
32.	Parbhani	Parbhani	Parbhani
33.	Pimpri Chinchwad	Pune	Maval
34.	Sangli	Sangli	Sangli
35.	Satara	Satara	Satara
36.	Shirur	Pune	Shirur
37.	Shrirampur	Ahmednagar	Shirdi
38.	Vasai	Palghar	Palghar
39.	Dombivali	Thane	Kalyan

**Annexure III****Annexure referred to in reply of para (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2072 for 02-08-2023 regarding proposed Post Office Passport Seva Kendras in Maharashtra**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Parliamentary Constituency</b>
1.	Dindori	Nashik	Dindori
2.	Nandurbar	Nandurbar	Nandurbar
3.	Alibag(Raigad)	Raigad	Raigad

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