GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2597 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2019

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN POPSK

2597. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications received at Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) in the State of Bihar since 2017 and at the Chapra Post Office Passport Seva Kendra in particular;
- (b) the number of passports issued out of them against these application requests so received;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to open new Passport Seva Kendras/Post Office Passport Seva Kendras in the State of Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

- (a) The total number of passport applications received at Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) in the State of Bihar since 2017 upto 31st October, 2019 is 2,04,486 (including 10,457 applications received at POPSK, Chapra).
- (b) The total number of passports issued against these passport applications till 31^{st} October, 2019 is 1,81,087.
- (c) & (d) There are 2 PSKs and 33 POPSKs functioning in the State of Bihar. The list is at **Annexure I**. The opening of new Passport Seva Kendras/Post Office Passport Seva Kendras in various States in the country is an on-going activity and depends on various factors, including distance from the existing PSK/POPSKs and volume of applications from a particular region.

ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS (PSKS) IN THE STATE OF BIHAR

S. No.	State/UT	No. of PSKs	Location of PSKs
1.	Bihar	2	Patna, Darbhanga

LIST OF POST OFFICE PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS (POPSKs) in the State of Bihar

S.No.	Locations	State/UT	Passport Office
1	Arrah	Bihar	Patna
2	Aurangabad	Bihar	Patna
3	Banka	Bihar	Patna
4	Begusarai	Bihar	Patna
5	Bettiah	Bihar	Patna
6	Bhagalpur	Bihar	Patna
7	Buxar	Bihar	Patna
8	Chhapra	Bihar	Patna
9	Dalmia Nagar	Bihar	Patna
10	Dalsingh Sarai	Bihar	Patna
11	Forbesganj	Bihar	Patna
12	Gaya	Bihar	Patna
13	Gopalganj	Bihar	Patna
14	Hajipur	Bihar	Patna
15	Jahanabad	Bihar	Patna
16	Jamui	Bihar	Patna
17	Katihar	Bihar	Patna
18	Khagaria	Bihar	Patna
19	Kishanganj	Bihar	Patna
20	Madhubani	Bihar	Patna
21	Maner	Bihar	Patna
22	Motihari	Bihar	Patna
23	Munger	Bihar	Patna
24	Muzaffarpur	Bihar	Patna
25	Nalanda	Bihar	Patna
26	Navada	Bihar	Patna
27	Purnea	Bihar	Patna
28	Saharsa	Bihar	Patna
29	Samastipur	Bihar	Patna
30	Sasaram	Bihar	Patna
31	Sheohar	Bihar	Patna
32	Sitamarhi	Bihar	Patna
33	Siwan	Bihar	Patna
