

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1678
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.09.2020

PSKs IN BIHAR

1678. **SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI :**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to open and operate more number of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in Bihar so as to facilitate the people in getting and renewing passports and other related services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the places in which these PSKs are proposed to be opened/operated;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore and whether the existing number of PSKs are enough to meet the passport services of people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) At present, two Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) are functioning in Bihar. The Ministry in association with the Department of Posts decided in January 2017 to open Passport Kendras at the Head Post Offices (HPO)/ Post Offices (PO) in the country called 'Post Office Passport Seva Kendra' (POPSK). Under this initiative, there are 33 POPSK in Bihar. The list of PSK and POPSK in Bihar is placed at **Annexure-I**.

The opening of Passport Kendras in various States, including Bihar is an on-going activity and depends on various factors, including distance from the existing Passport Kendras and volume of applications from a particular region.

(Annexure-I to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1678)

List of PSK and POPSK

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