

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3326
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/08/2022**

PASSPORT SERVICES THROUGH POST OFFICES

3326. SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government holds data regarding the total number of Passport holders in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of Passport related facilities being availed of by the citizen through Post Offices?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) & (b) Yes. State-wise details of Passports holders are at Annexure I.

(c) The Ministry in association with Department of Posts (DOP) had announced in January, 2017 opening of Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) at the Head Post Offices (HPO)/Post Offices (PO) in each Parliamentary constituency where there is no Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) or Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK). Citizens can apply for issue of normal Passports through these POPSKs. POPSKs are established in remote locations and small towns in the Lok Sabha constituencies away from the State capitals, thereby bringing passports services closer to the citizens and making it easier for citizens to obtain Passports.

Annexure- I

S.No.	State/UT	Passport holders as on 30.06.2022
1	Andaman and Nicobar	2,787
2	Andhra Pradesh	38,92,310
3	Arunachal Pradesh	22,199
4	Assam	5,97,874
5	Bihar	23,93,021
6	Chandigarh	2,32,419
7	Chhattisgarh	3,45,757
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	17,366
9	Daman and Diu	38,305
10	Delhi	31,40,313
11	Goa	3,58,169
12	Gujarat	56,42,905
13	Haryana	25,33,716
14	Himachal Pradesh	3,97,679
15	Jammu and Kashmir	9,09,117
16	Jharkhand	6,80,124
17	Karnataka	49,95,114
18	Kerala	91,43,099
19	Ladakh	4,808
20	Lakshadweep	15,697
21	Madhya Pradesh	13,54,527
22	Maharashtra	89,32,053
23	Manipur	75,952
24	Meghalaya	49,591
25	Mizoram	32,473
26	Nagaland	37,311
27	Odisha	8,61,718
28	Puducherry	1,92,071
29	Punjab	61,52,518
30	Rajasthan	25,64,219
31	Sikkim	41,032
32	Tamil Nadu	79,27,869
33	Telangana	35,20,738
34	Tripura	1,86,108

35	Uttar Pradesh	76,18,465
36	Uttarakhand	6,78,385
37	West Bengal	39,31,312
	Grand Total	7,95,19,121
