

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3354
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/08/2022**

PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS IN BIHAR

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) functioning in Bihar, district-wise including Gopalganj;
- (b) the details about the number of persons who availed services of these centres during the last three year along with the passports issued/renewed;
- (c) whether the demand for passport is rising in the Bihar and if so, the details thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has planned to open more number of PSK in the Bihar and if so, the details thereon; and
- (e) whether there is shortage of manpower and infrastructure facilities at POPSK Gopalganj in Bihar, if so, the reasons therefor and measures taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a) 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 Kendras' (POPSKs) in each Parliamentary constituency where there is no Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) or Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK). Under this initiative, 34 POPSKs have been made operational in Bihar. District-wise details of Passports Seva Kendras (PSKs) and Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) in Bihar including Gopalganj are at Annexure-I.

(b) Details about the number of persons who availed services at these centres in the last three years are as under:-

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Number of Passports issued/renewed	367908	161004	337408

(c) As may be seen from the above mentioned details demand of passport has risen from the year 2020-21 to 2021-22.

(d) The opening of Passport Kendras in various States, including Bihar depends on various factors, including distance from the existing Passport Kendras and volume of applications from a particular region.

(e) Manpower and infrastructure shortages, if any, are addressed on a regular basis by ministry of External Affairs/Department of Posts.

District-wise list of PSKs in Bihar			
S.No.	PSK Locations	District	Passport Office
1	PSLK Darbhanga	Darbhanga	Patna
2	PSK Patna	Patna	Patna
District-wise list of functional POPSKs in Bihar			
S.No.	POPSK Locations	District	Passport Office
1	Arrah	Bhojpur	Patna
2	Aurangabad	Aurangabad	Patna
3	Banka	Banka	Patna
4	Begusarai	Begusarai	Patna
5	Bettiah	West Champaran	Patna
6	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	Patna
7	Buxar	Buxar	Patna
8	Chhapra	Saran	Patna
9	Dalmia Nagar	Rohtas	Patna
10	Ekma	Saran	Patna
11	Dalsingh Sarai	Samastipur	Patna
12	Forbesganj	Araria	Patna
13	Gaya	Gaya	Patna
14	Gopalganj	Gopalganj	Patna
15	Hajipur	Vaishali	Patna
16	Jahanabad	Jahanabad	Patna
17	Jamui	Jamui	Patna
18	Katihar	Katihar	Patna
19	Khagaria	Khagaria	Patna
20	Kishanganj	Purnea	Patna
21	Madhubani	Madhubani	Patna
22	Maner	Patna	Patna
23	Motihari	East Champaran	Patna
24	Munger	Munger	Patna
25	Muzaffarpur	Muzaffarpur	Patna

26	Nalanda	Nalanda	Patna
27	Navada	Navada	Patna
28	Purnea	Purnea	Patna
29	Saharsa	Saharsa	Patna
30	Samastipur	Samastipur	Patna
31	Sasaram	Rohtas	Patna
32	Sheohar	Sheohar	Patna
33	Sitamarhi	Sitamarhi	Patna
34	Siwan	Siwan	Patna
