

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 915**

**ANSWERED ON- 26/07/2024**

**PASSPORT OFFICE IN RENTED BUILDING**

**†915. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR**

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-**

- (a) whether the Passport Service Centre at Darbanga is functioning in a rented building as an extension counter of Patna Passport Office;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to shift the passport Service Centre in its own building and upgrade it to a Passport Office keeping in view of the importance of Darbhanga city; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)**

**(a to c) There are two (02) Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) - one each in Patna and Darbanga; and thirty five (35) Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) working under the jurisdiction of Regional Passport Office, Patna. PSK Darbhanga is currently operating from a rented building. M/s TCS has been entrusted to shift PSK, Darbhanga to a new location with enhanced facilities.**

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