

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1917**

**ANSWERED ON- 06/12/2024**

**PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS IN WEST BENGAL**

**1917. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN**

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

- (a) the number of officers and employees working in the Passport Seva Kendras across the country at present, State-wise;**
- (b) the total number of Passport Seva Kendras in the State of West Bengal;**
- (c) the overall percentage increase witnessed in the number of passport applications in West Bengal during the last five years, year-wise; and**
- (d) whether the number of officers and employees in passport centres has been increased in proportion to the increase in the number of the said applications and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)**

- (a) Number of Officers and employees working in the Passport Seva Kendras across the country State-wise is attached at Annexure-I.**

**(b) All the Lok Sabha Constituencies of West Bengal either have a Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) or a Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK). There are 3 PSKs and 40 POPSKs in West Bengal. This is placed at Annexure-II.**

**(c) Percentage increase in the number of passport applications in West Bengal during last five years is placed at Annexure-III.**

**(d) Number of passport applications is dynamic and changes every year. The recruitment of the number of officers and officials belonging to the Central Passport Organization (CPO) is however, decided as per the Recruitment Rules approved by the Central Government. Revision of sanctioned strength and deployment of CPO personnel at Passport Offices is a regular exercise and the Ministry takes appropriate measures to cater to the increased demand for passports in the country including in West Bengal.**

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**Officers/Employees of CPO working in PSKs (State-wise)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Officers/Employees</b>
<b>(a)</b>	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>(e)</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>(f)</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>(g)</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>(h)</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>(i)</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>(j)</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>(k)</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>(l)</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>(m)</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>(n)</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>(o)</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>(p)</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>18</b>

<b>(q)</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>(r)</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>(s)</b>	<b>Chandigarh</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>(t)</b>	<b>Delhi</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>(u)</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>(v)</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>(w)</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>685</b>

<b>List of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs)/Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) in West Bengal</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>PSK</b>	<b>POPSK</b>
<b>1</b>		<b>Alipurduar</b>
<b>2</b>		<b>Arambagh</b>
<b>3</b>		<b>Asansol</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Baharampur</b>	
<b>5</b>		<b>Balurghat</b>
<b>6</b>		<b>Bangaon</b>
<b>7</b>		<b>Bankura</b>
<b>8</b>		<b>Ashoknagar</b>
<b>9</b>		<b>Katwa</b>
<b>10</b>		<b>Bardhman</b>
<b>11</b>		<b>Barrackpur</b>
<b>12</b>		<b>Basirhat</b>
<b>13</b>		<b>Rampurhat</b>
<b>14</b>		<b>Bishnupur</b>
<b>15</b>		<b>Bolpur</b>

<b>16</b>		<b>Coochbehar</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Siliguri</b>	<b>Darjeeling</b>
<b>18</b>		<b>Diamond Harbour</b>
<b>19</b>		<b>Dum Dum</b>
<b>20</b>		<b>Ghatal</b>
<b>21</b>		<b>Chinsurah</b>
<b>22</b>		<b>Howrah</b>
<b>23</b>		<b>Jadavpur</b>
<b>24</b>		<b>Jalpaiguri</b>
<b>25</b>		<b>Raghunathganj</b>
<b>26</b>		<b>Canny Town Ferry Ghat</b>
<b>27</b>		<b>JHARGRAM</b>
<b>28</b>		<b>Kanthi</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Kolkata</b>	
<b>30</b>		<b>Beadon Street</b>
<b>31</b>		<b>Krishnanagar</b>
<b>32</b>		<b>Makdumpur</b>
<b>33</b>		<b>Samsi</b>
<b>34</b>		<b>Kakdweep</b>

<b>35</b>		<b>Kharagpur</b>
<b>36</b>		<b>Jiyaganj</b>
<b>37</b>		<b>Purulia</b>
<b>38</b>		<b>Raiganj</b>
<b>39</b>		<b>Ranaghat</b>
<b>40</b>		<b>Serampore</b>
<b>41</b>		<b>Tamluk</b>
<b>42</b>		<b>Amta</b>
	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>

<b>Passport Applications Received in West Bengal - District-wise</b>											
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>		<b>2021</b>		<b>2022</b>		<b>2023</b>		<b>2024 (upto 31 Oct)</b>	
<b>District Name</b>	<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>Percentage Increase / Decrease</b>	<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>Percentage Increase / Decrease</b>	<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>Percentage Increase / Decrease</b>	<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>Percentage Increase / Decrease</b>	<b>Applications Received</b>	<b>Percentage Increase / Decrease</b>	<b>Applications Received</b>
<b>Alipurduar</b>	<b>5013</b>	<b>-58%</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>3290</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>5134</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5295</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>3746</b>
<b>Bankura</b>	<b>4508</b>	<b>-60%</b>	<b>1820</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>2885</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4514</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>5032</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>4268</b>
<b>Barrackpore</b>	<b>44678</b>	<b>-55%</b>	<b>20135</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>26104</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>41191</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>47600</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>33934</b>



<b>Baruipur</b>	<b>17326</b>	<b>-53%</b>	<b>8076</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>9632</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>17774</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>18950</b>	<b>-27%</b>	<b>13927</b>
<b>Basirhat</b>	<b>6964</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>5581</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5922</b>	<b>122%</b>	<b>13157</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14947</b>	<b>-39%</b>	<b>9164</b>
<b>Bidhannagar</b>	<b>28477</b>	<b>-50%</b>	<b>14110</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>19216</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>29975</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>31997</b>	<b>-24%</b>	<b>24477</b>
<b>Birbhum</b>	<b>7335</b>	<b>-52%</b>	<b>3521</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>4527</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>8508</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>8887</b>	<b>-26%</b>	<b>6545</b>
<b>Bongaon</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11186%</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>978%</b>	<b>8515</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>14384</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>15672</b>	<b>-34%</b>	<b>10319</b>
<b>Chandannagar</b>	<b>16796</b>	<b>-57%</b>	<b>7193</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>10266</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>15404</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>16550</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>13269</b>
<b>Cooch Behar</b>	<b>6939</b>	<b>-66%</b>	<b>2348</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>2877</b>	<b>124%</b>	<b>6434</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>7292</b>	<b>-35%</b>	<b>4738</b>
<b>Darjeeling</b>	<b>15021</b>	<b>-60%</b>	<b>6001</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>8544</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>12579</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>13426</b>	<b>-28%</b>	<b>9704</b>
<b>Diamond Harbour</b>	<b>13216</b>	<b>-48%</b>	<b>6922</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>9300</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>14200</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>14081</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>10807</b>
<b>East</b>	<b>15547</b>	<b>-53%</b>	<b>7286</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>9781</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>14673</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>16211</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>13040</b>

<b>Medinipur</b>											
<b>Hooghly</b>											
<b>Rural</b>	<b>14533</b>	<b>-55%</b>	<b>6495</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>8944</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>16063</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>17182</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>12845</b>
<b>Howrah</b>	<b>20749</b>	<b>-48%</b>	<b>10853</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>13816</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>22797</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>25806</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>19863</b>
<b>Howrah</b>											
<b>Rural</b>	<b>9996</b>	<b>-69%</b>	<b>3130</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>4101</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>7321</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>7525</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>5609</b>
<b>Islampur</b>											
<b>Police</b>											
<b>District</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13608%</b>	<b>1645</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>2306</b>	<b>107%</b>	<b>4762</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4844</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>4007</b>
<b>Jalpaiguri</b>	<b>11244</b>	<b>-61%</b>	<b>4378</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>5510</b>	<b>108%</b>	<b>11471</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>12176</b>	<b>-37%</b>	<b>7648</b>
<b>Jangipur</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2000%</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>6564%</b>	<b>5598</b>	<b>-26%</b>	<b>4135</b>
<b>Jhargram</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>900%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8980%</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>828</b>
<b>Kalimpong</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>1714</b>	<b>122%</b>	<b>3807</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>4422</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>3609</b>
<b>Kolkata</b>	<b>114346</b>	<b>-50%</b>	<b>56924</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>72932</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>109708</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>114742</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>88006</b>

<b>Malda</b>	<b>11970</b>	<b>-49%</b>	<b>6091</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>8508</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>14822</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>15126</b>	<b>-28%</b>	<b>10869</b>
<b>Murshidabad</b>	<b>41317</b>	<b>-51%</b>	<b>20044</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>29757</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>57063</b>	<b>-28%</b>	<b>41149</b>	<b>-32%</b>	<b>27789</b>
<b>Nadia</b>	<b>36345</b>	<b>-74%</b>	<b>9574</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>14430</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>25642</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>23980</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>17018</b>
<b>North 24 Parganas</b>	<b>42831</b>	<b>-60%</b>	<b>17021</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>14184</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>26330</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>27807</b>	<b>-30%</b>	<b>19429</b>
<b>Paschim Bardhaman</b>	<b>17611</b>	<b>-51%</b>	<b>8593</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>10981</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>16790</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>19521</b>	<b>-24%</b>	<b>14797</b>
<b>Purba Bardhaman</b>	<b>14689</b>	<b>-51%</b>	<b>7258</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>9961</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>16777</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>17884</b>	<b>-27%</b>	<b>13050</b>
<b>Purulia</b>	<b>2884</b>	<b>-61%</b>	<b>1136</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>2957</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>3280</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>2839</b>
<b>RANAGHAT</b>	<b>5079</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>9052</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>15081</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>23805</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>24698</b>	<b>-30%</b>	<b>17209</b>

<b>Raiganj</b>	<b>8983</b>	<b>-79%</b>	<b>1924</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>2596</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>5162</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>5768</b>	<b>-33%</b>	<b>3884</b>
<b>SUNDARBA</b>											
<b>N</b>	<b>4323</b>	<b>-45%</b>	<b>2386</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>3363</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>5178</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>4851</b>	<b>-23%</b>	<b>3732</b>
<b>Siliguri</b>	<b>12708</b>	<b>-57%</b>	<b>5484</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>6785</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>9813</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10788</b>	<b>-26%</b>	<b>7998</b>
<b>South</b>											
<b>Dinajpur</b>	<b>7392</b>	<b>-70%</b>	<b>2181</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>2966</b>	<b>143%</b>	<b>7221</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>8873</b>	<b>-48%</b>	<b>4642</b>
<b>West</b>											
<b>Medinipur</b>	<b>12146</b>	<b>-58%</b>	<b>5161</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>7071</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>11875</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>12202</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>10430</b>
<b>Total Applications Received with Percentage Increase / Decrease</b>	<b>570985</b>	<b>-54%</b>	<b>265196</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>357858</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>597385</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>625070</b>	<b>-27%</b>	<b>458174</b>

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