

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1943**

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

**PASSPORT MELAS AND PASSPORT SEVA CAMPS IN JHARKHAND**

**1943. SHRI DULU MAHATO**

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

**(a) whether the Government has any plan to organize passport melas and passport seva camps in Jharkhand to expedite passport issuance and address seasonal demand;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof including plans and schedules of the same, district-wise;**

**(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and**

**(d) the details of funds allocated for passport melas and passport seva camps in the said State during the last three years, district-wise and year-wise?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)**

**(a to d) Ministry of External Affairs has been working continuously to improve availability of appointments cycle by taking various steps**

**including organizing special drives, which are conducted during weekends or holidays at the Passport Seva Kendras. Appointment is available on the next day at all the Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs)/ Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) in Jharkhand, except in case of POPSK Jamshedpur, where the appointment cycle is around 5 days. However, Ministry has deployed a mobile van exclusively for Jamshedpur for which 40 appointments are being released daily for the ease of passport applicants.**

**Due to the rise in demand, the Ministry has been working continuously to speed up passport issuance and meet high or seasonal demand for passports by taking various steps including increasing the number of daily appointments and organising special drives on weekends. Staff from Ministry and other passport offices is also being deployed to clear the pendency as part of the special drive.**

**Expenditure, if any, towards organizing the special drives is met from the budgetary grant of the Ministry.**

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