

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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PASSPORT OFFICES

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

(a) the number of passport offices in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the number of applications scrutinized every month on an average in these passport offices;

(c) whether there is any delay in issuing passports, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any proposal is under consideration to open more passport offices in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a & b) The details of Passport Offices, State/ Union Territory (UT) wise, alongwith the number of applications scrutinized every month on an average is attached at Annexure-I.

(c) The average time taken for issuance of passport (excluding police verification time) is 7-10 days for normal passport and 1 - 3 days for tatkaal passport. Police Verification (PV) of applicants' personal particulars plays an important role in timely issuance of passport. All India average for PV is 15 days.

Due to rise in demand, the Government has been working continuously to speed up passport issuance and meet high or seasonal demand for passport by taking various steps including increasing the number of daily appointments and organizing special drives on weekends.

(d & e) Opening of Passport Offices (POs)/ Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs)/ Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) is an on-going activity and depends upon various factors including distance from existing POs/ PSKs/ POPSKs and the volume of passport applications from a particular region.

Annexure-I

List of Passport Offices states/ UTs wise along with number of applications scrutinized every month on an average in these Passport Offices

S. No.	State/ UT	Passport Office	The number of applications scrutinized every month on an average [1st Jan, 2024 to 30th Nov, 2024 period]
1.	Andhra Pradesh	RPO Vijayawada	23,859
2.		RPO Visakhapatnam	16,262
3.	Assam	RPO Guwahati	15,511
4.	Bihar	RPO Patna	32,813
5.	Chandigarh	RPO Chandigarh	68,399
6.	Chhattisgarh	RPO Raipur	5,205
7.	Delhi	RPO Delhi	59,281
8.	Goa	RPO Goa	4,956
9.	Gujarat	RPO Ahmedabad	61,105
10.		RPO Surat	16,710
11.	Himachal	RPO Shimla	6,010

	Pradesh		
12.	Jammu and	RPO Jammu	5,130
13.	Kashmir	RPO Srinagar	8,171
14.	Jharkhand	RPO Ranchi	9,645
15.	Karnataka	RPO Bengaluru	76,789
16.	Kerala	RPO Cochin	54,616
17.		RPO Kozhikode	58,988
18.		RPO Trivandrum	21,341
19.	Madhya Pradesh	RPO Bhopal	22,612
20.	Maharashtra	RPO Mumbai	74,188
21.		RPO Nagpur	9,160
22.		RPO Pune	37,983
23.	Odisha	RPO Bhubaneswar	8,602
24.	Punjab	RPO Amritsar	19,478
25.		RPO Jalandhar	32,478
26.	Rajasthan	RPO Jaipur	35,331
27.		RPO Kota	6,995
28.	Tamil Nadu	RPO Chennai	45,040
29.		RPO Coimbatore	15,063
30.		RPO Madurai	22,373

31.		RPO Tiruchirappalli	18,717
32.	Telangana	RPO Hyderabad	62,770
33.	Uttar Pradesh	RPO Bareilly	16,478
34.		RPO Ghaziabad	27,411
35.		RPO Lucknow	64,807
36.	Uttarakhand	RPO Dehradun	11,555
37.	West Bengal	RPO Kolkata	48,349
