

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 743**

**ANSWERED ON- 29/11/2024**

**VACANCY IN PASSPORT OFFICES**

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**SHRI TANUJ PUNIA**

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

**(a) the total number of posts lying vacant in the Passport Offices of the country, along with their vacancy period, category-wise;**

**(b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that issuance and renewal of passports to people is taking a long time due to the vacant posts in the Passport Offices across the country;**

**(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the delay in filling the vacant posts;**

**(d) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to ensure that the services in passport offices do not take a long time and cause inconvenience to the people; and**

**(e) if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which the Government is planning to solve the issue?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)**

**(a) Details of posts, category-wise, lying vacant in the Passport Offices are as follows:**

| <b>Name of post</b>               | <b>Vacancy</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Passport Officer</b>           | <b>04</b>      |
| <b>Deputy Passport Officer</b>    | <b>13</b>      |
| <b>Assistant Passport Officer</b> | <b>07</b>      |
| <b>Senior Superintendent</b>      | <b>74</b>      |
| <b>Superintendent</b>             | <b>172</b>     |
| <b>Assistant Superintendent</b>   | <b>273</b>     |
| <b>Senior Passport Assistant</b>  | <b>110</b>     |
| <b>Junior Passport Assistant</b>  | <b>251</b>     |
| <b>Assistant Director</b>         | <b>03</b>      |
| <b>Junior Translation Officer</b> | <b>15</b>      |
| <b>Stenographer (Grade-I)</b>     | <b>02</b>      |
| <b>Stenographer (Grade-II)</b>    | <b>06</b>      |
| <b>Office Assistant</b>           | <b>65</b>      |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>995</b>     |

**(b to e) Government is making all efforts for timely issuance of passports to the citizens. Government is also taking all remedial**

**measures for filling up the vacancies as per procedures. 447 vacancies have been reported to Staff Selection Commission (SSC) for filling up the vacant posts in Direct Recruitment category of the grades of Office Assistant, Junior Passport Assistant, Assistant Superintendent, Stenographer and Junior Translation Officer. Promotions through Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) and Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) are being carried out in a timely manner.**

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