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Opening of New Passport Seva Kendras

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There are 91 Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) and 55 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) working as on 15 July, 2017. There are 38 Passport Offices functioning in the country. List of Passport Offices is at Annexure-I, list of Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) is at Annexure-II, list of POPSK functional as on 15 July, 2017 is at Annexure-III and list of POPSK announced in Phase-I and not yet functional is at Annexure-IV.

There will be 93 PSK and 235 POPSK after the operationalisation of all the POPSK announced in Phases I and II and the PSK at Siliguri (West Bengal) and Solapur (Maharashtra) following which there will be 328 Passport Seva Kendras in the country. The Ministry of External Affairs and the Department of Posts (DOP) have decided to utilize the Head Post Offices (HPO) in the various States as Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) for delivering passport related services to the citizens of the country. The Government intends to open POPSK in the HPO in the country in such a manner that there is a Passport Seva Kendra available within a radius of 50 km of every HPO.

The Government has announced on 17 June, 2017 the opening of 149 new Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) in Phase-II. The list is at Annexure-V. The Ministry intends to complete the requisite formalities like preparation of sites, procurement of IT and non-IT equipment for setting up of these POPSK at the earliest.

In the recent years, the Ministry has made many quantitative and qualitative improvements in the delivery of passport services in the country. With the implementation of the Passport Seva Project in partnership with its Service Provider M/s TCS, the Ministry has been providing quality service to the people from the Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) established with best in class amenities across the country in PPP mode. Under this system, the applicants are required to apply for their passports online, upload relevant documents, make the payment online through debit/credit card or SBI net-banking/SBI Challan, schedule an appointment and then visit the designated Passport Seva Kendra (PSK). A user friendly portal has been made available. When an applicant visits the PSK, an Electronic Queue Management System (EQMS) working on the principle of First-in First-out is available at all PSKs to monitor the flow of applicants. The applicants can track the status of their applications themselves through portal and also SMS services. In the current system of passport issuance, there is no manual intervention at any stage, and the complete process is digitally flown with re-engineered process through a single visit clearance.

ANNEXURE-I

STATE/UT-WISE LIST OF PASSPORT OFFICES

S. No.	State/UT	Location of Passport Offices
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada
2.	Arunachal Pradesh*	-
3.	Assam*	Guwahati*
4.	Bihar	Patna
5.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
6.	Goa	Panaji
7.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad+, Surat.
8.	Haryana	
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu, Srinagar

11.	Jharkhand	Ranchi
12.	Karnataka	Bangalore
13.	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram, Cochin,Kozhikode, Malappuram.
14.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
15.	Maharashtra	Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Thane.
16.	Manipur*	-
17.	Meghalaya*	-
18.	Mizoram*	-
19.	Nagaland*	-
20.	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
21.	Punjab	Amritsar, Jalandhar.
22.	Rajasthan	Jaipur
23.	Sikkim@	-
24.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, Coimbatore.
25.	Telangana	Hyderabad
26.	Tripura@	-
27.	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow,Bareilly, Ghaziabad.
28.	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
29.	West Bengal@	Kolkata
30.	Chandigarh UT**	Chandigarh
31.	Delhi NCT***	Delhi
	Total	38

^{*} RPO Guwahati covers Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya & Nagaland.

@RPO Kolkata covers Sikkim and Tripura.

N.B.: RPO, Mumbai has jurisdiction over Daman, Dadra & Nagar Haveli;

+RPO Ahmedabad has jurisdiction over Diu;

RPO Chennai has jurisdiction over Puducherry

RPO Cochin has jurisdiction over Lakshadweep Islands.

 $And aman \ \& \ Nicobar \ Administration \ also \ acts \ as \ Passport \ Issuing \ Authority \ and \ liaises \ with \ RPO \ Kolkata.$

^{**}RPO Chandigarh covers parts of Punjab and Haryana

^{***}RPO Delhi covers parts of Haryana

Sl.No.	State/UT	Passport Office	Number of PSKs
1	Andhra Pradesh	Vishakhapatnam, Vijayawada	3
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Guwahati	1
3	Assam	Guwahati	1
4	Bihar	Patna	2
5	Chandigarh(UT)	Chandigarh	2
6	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	1
7	Delhi (NCT)	Delhi	4
8	Goa	Panaji	1
9	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	4
		Surat	1
10	Haryana	Chandigarh	1
11	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	1
12	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu	1
		Srinagar	1
13	Jharkhand	Ranchi	1
14	Karnataka	Bangalore	5
15	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	3
		Cochin	5
		Kozhikode	4
		Malappuram	1
16	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	2
17	Maharashtra	Mumbai	3
		Pune	1
		Nagpur	1
		Thane	2
18	Manipur	Guwahati	1
19	Mizoram	Guwahati	1
20	Meghalaya	Guwahati	1

21	Nagaland	Guwahati	1
22	Odisha	Bhubaneswar	1
23	Punjab	Amritsar	1
		Jalandhar	3
24	Puducherry	Chennai	1
25	Rajasthan	Jaipur	4
26	Sikkim	Kolkata	1
27	Tamilnadu	Chennai	3
		Trichy	2
		Madurai	2
		Coimbatore	1
28	Telangana	Hyderabad	6
29	Tripura	Kolkata	1
30	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	4
		Bareilly	1
		Ghaziabad	1
31	Uttarakhand	Dehradun	1
32	West Bengal	Kolkata	2
		Total	91

ANNEXURE - III

List of functional POPSKs

S.No.	State/UT	Locations	S.No.	State/UT	Locations
1	Andhra Pradesh	Kadappa	29	Madhya Pradesh	Satna
2	Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool	30	Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur
3	Andhra Pradesh	Nellore	31	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior
4	Assam	Silchar	32	Maharastra	Kolhapur
5	Bihar	Muzaffarpur	33	Maharastra	Aurangabad

6	Bihar	Purnea	34	Maharastra	Pimpri Chinchwad
7	Bihar	Bhagalpur	35	Odisha	Rourkela
8	Bihar	Siwan	36	Odisha	Sambalpur
9	Bihar	Bettiah	37	Odisha	Koraput
10	Chattisgarh	Surguja	38	Rajasthan	Kota
11	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	Silvasa	39	Rajasthan	Bikaner
12	Daman	Daman	40	Rajasthan	Jhunjhunu
13	Gujarat	Dahod	41	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer
14	Gujarat	Palanpur	42	Rajasthan	Jhalawar
15	Gujarat	Bhuj	43	Tamil Nadu	Salem
16	Haryana	Karnal	44	Tamil Nadu	Vellore
17	Haryana	Hisar	45	Telangana	Mehbubnagar
18	Haryana	Faridabad	46	Telangana	Warangal
19	Himachal Pradesh	Palampur	47	Uttar Pradesh	Jhansi
20	Himachal Pradesh	Hamirpur	48	Uttar Pradesh	Pilibhit
21	Jammu & Kashmir	Udhampur	49	Uttar Pradesh	Ghazipur
22	Jharkhand	Jamshedpur	50	Uttar Pradesh	Ayodhya/ Faizabad
23	Jharkhand	Deoghar	51	Uttar Pradesh	Allahabad
24	Karnataka	Mysuru	52	West Bengal	Asansol
25	Kerala	Pathanamthitta	53	West Bengal	Raiganj
26	Kerala	Kasargod	54	West Bengal	Beadon Street
27	Lakshadweep	Kavaratti	55	West Bengal	Krishnanagar
28	Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha			

ANNEXURE-IV

List of POPSK of Phase-I not yet functional

S.No.	State/UT	Locations
1	Bihar	Gopalganj
2	Delhi	Janak Puri
3	Delhi	Nehru Place
4	Delhi	North West DelhI
5	Delhi	Patparganj
6	Delhi	Yamuna Vihar
7	Goa	South Goa
8	In place of Diu	Veraval
9	Jammu & Kashmir	Leh
10	Jharkhand	Dhanbad
11	Karnataka	Belagavi
12	Karnataka	Devangere
13	Karnataka	Hassan
14	Maharastra	Beed
15	Maharastra	Ghatkopar
16	Maharastra	Jalgaon
17	Maharastra	Mumbai North Central
18	Maharastra	Mumbai South Central
19	Punjab	Bathinda
20	Punjab	Gurdaspur
21	Punjab	Patiala
22	Uttar Pradesh	Agra
23	Uttar Pradesh	Bijnaur
24	Uttar Pradesh	GautamBudh Nagar
25	Uttar Pradesh	Mathura
26	Uttar Pradesh	Meerut
27	Uttar Pradesh	Sultanpur

28	Uttar Pradesh	Deoria
29	Uttarakhand	Almora
30	Uttarakhand	Haldwani
31	Uttarakhand	Nainital

ANNEXURE -V

STATE-WISE LIST OF POPSK - PHASE II

S.No.	State/UT	Place	Total number of POPSK to be opened - Phase II
1	Andhra Pradesh	Anantpur, Chitoor, Guntur, Krishna, Ongole, Rajamundry, Srikakulam	7
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Changlang, Tirap	2
3	Assam	Dhubri, Dibrugarh, Goalpara, Karbi Anglong, Kokrajhar, Mangaldoi, North Lakhim Pur, Sonitpur, Tinsukia.	9
4	Bihar	Begusarai, Buxar, East Champaran, Gaya, Madhubani, Samastipur, Supaul, Munger, Navada.	9
5	Chattisgarh	Durg, Rajnandgaon	2
6	Gujarat	Anand, Bharuch, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Junagarh, Kheda, Navsari, Valsad.	8
7	Haryana	Bhiwani, Kaithal, Narnaul, Panipat, Rohtak, Sonipat, Yamunanagar.	7
8	Himachal Pradesh	Kangra, Mandi, Una.	3
9	J & K	Anantnag, Baramula, Kathua.	3
10	Jharkhand	Bokaro, Hazaribagh, Medininagar.	3
11	Karnataka	Bellary, Bidar, Raichur, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, Udipi, Vijayapur.	7
12	Kerala	Chengannur, Idukki	2

		Total	149
25	Delhi	Krishna Nagar, Lodhi Road, Saket	3
24	West Bengal	Bardhman, Barrackpore, Darjeeling, Malda.	4
23	Uttar Pradesh	Aligarh, Amethi, Azamgarh, Bahraich, Ballia, Balrampur, Barabanki, Basti, Gonda, Jaunpur, Kushinagar, Mau, Sitapur, Muradabad, Pratapgarh, Rae Bareli, Rampur, Saharanpur, Unnao.	19
22	Uttarakhand	Pauri, Roorkee, Rudrapur.	3
21	Telangana	Adilabad, Medak, Khammam, Siddipet, Nalgonda.,	5
20	Tamilnadu	Cuddalore, Dindigul, Namakkal, Perambalur, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Sivaganga, Tiruppur, Viluppuram, Virudhunagar, Kanyakumari(N).	11
19	Rajasthan	Ajmer, Churu, Dungarpur, Hanumangarh, Karauli- Dhaulpur, Nagaur, Sriganganagar, Alwar, Chittorgarh, Banswara, Pali.	11
18	Puducherry	Karaikal	1
17	Punjab	Moga,Sangrur, Tarn Taran, SBS Nagar (Nawan Shahar), Phagwara	5
16	Odisha	Balasore, Berhampur(Ganjam), Bhawanipatna (Kalahandi).	3
15	Meghalaya	Baghmara, Tura	2
14	Maharashtra	Ahmednagar, Jalna, Latur, Pandharpur, Sangli, Sindhudurg, Wardha, Navi Mumbai, Dombivali, Panvel, Nanded.	11
13	Madhya Pradesh	Balaghat, Chhindwara, Dewas, Hoshangabad, Sehore, Sidhi, Ujjain, Betul, Shivni.	9

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