

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.472
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020

SIMPLIFYING ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS

†472. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to simplify the procedure of issuing passports and establishing new passport offices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has given any directive to open 'Passport Seva Kendras' in head post office of the districts;
- (d) if so, the State-wise and district-wise details of 'Passport Seva Kendras' established in the country including Chhattisgarh so far; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government to improve existing procedure of issuing passports which is time consuming and complicated?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) & (b) Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) are being set up in association with the Department of Posts in order to bring passport services closer to people residing in villages/remote/rural areas of the country. The POPSK are functioning like the other existing 93 Passport Seva Kendras (PSK). The process of issuing passports has not changed after the opening of the POPSK. Applicants, who apply for their passports online through the passport portal, can schedule an appointment and then visit the designated POPSK to complete the formalities, similar to those at the PSK, prior to the issue of the passport. The photographs, biometrics and the supporting documents would be electronically captured at the POPSK prior to the issue of the Passport.

(c) Before 2014, 77 Passport Seva Kendras were operational in the country. After 2014, 16 new Passport Seva Kendras were established by this Government. Thereafter, in the year 2017, a decision was taken in co-operation with the Department of Posts to open 'Post Office Passport Seva Kendras' (POPSK), under which as on 30 January, 2020, 424 POPSK have been established.

(d) The details of the 517 Passport Seva Kendras established in the country, including in Chhattisgarh, is enclosed at Annexure I.

(e) The Ministry has eased the passport issuing process and has made it an online procedure including getting appointments for submission of documents for passports. Effective technical infrastructure is in place to ensure that the Passport Seva system is available for access at all times from any location. The Passport Portal (www.passportindia.gov.in) is accessible to anyone, anywhere and anytime. With a view to address the challenge of digital divide, especially in the rural hinterland, the Ministry in association with CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd. (which is promoted by the Department of Electronics and IT), has facilitated online filing of passport applications, through the vast network of Common Service Centres (CSCs) across rural hinterland.

An applicant can now apply for a passport from anywhere in India. But

Police verification would be conducted by the Police Station in whose jurisdiction the address mentioned in the form falls and the passport will also be dispatched at the same address.

The mPassport Seva mobile app enables to apply, pay and schedule appointments for passport services. It also provides passport related information including location of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs), applicable fees, mode of submission, and tracking of passport application status on smart phones. Citizens would not require access to a computer and printer to apply for passport services.

Securing online appointment for submission of passport applications at PSK/ POPSK has been simplified. The current provision is allowing applicants to choose any appointment date from the earliest five available dates (working days) for scheduling/ rescheduling an appointment for passport related services. Earlier, the System used to offer only one available date to the applicant for seeking appointment for passport related services.

In order to streamline, liberalize and ease the process of issue of passport, the Ministry has taken a number of steps to simplify passport policy which is expected to benefit the citizens of India in applying for and getting a passport. This is at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE TO LOK SABHA QUESTION NO.472

List of functional Passport Seva Kendras (Annexure-I)			
S.No.	Locations	State/UT	Passport Office
1	Anantapur	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
2	Bapatla	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
3	Chittoor	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
4	Gudivada	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
5	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
6	Hindupur	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
7	Kadappa	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
8	Kodur	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
9	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
10	Nandyal	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
11	Narasaraopet	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
12	Nellore	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
13	Ongole	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
14	Tirupathi	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
15	Vijaywada	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
16	Amalapuram	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
17	Bhimavaram	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
18	Eluru	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
19	Kakinada	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
20	Rajamundry	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
21	Srikakulam	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
22	Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
23	Vizianagaram	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
24	Yelamanchili	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
25	Changlang	Arunachal Pradesh	Guwahati
26	Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh	Guwahati
27	Khonsa	Arunachal Pradesh	Guwahati
28	Barpeta	Assam	Guwahati
29	Dhubri	Assam	Guwahati
30	Dibrugarh	Assam	Guwahati
31	Goalpara	Assam	Guwahati
32	Golaghat	Assam	Guwahati
33	Guwahati	Assam	Guwahati
34	Jorhat	Assam	Guwahati
35	Karbi Anglong	Assam	Guwahati
36	Karimganj	Assam	Guwahati
37	Kokrajhar	Assam	Guwahati
38	Mangaldoi	Assam	Guwahati
39	Nawgong	Assam	Guwahati
40	North Lakhimpur	Assam	Guwahati
41	Silchar	Assam	Guwahati
42	Tezpur	Assam	Guwahati
43	Tinsukia	Assam	Guwahati
44	Arrah	Bihar	Patna
45	Aurangabad	Bihar	Patna
46	Banka	Bihar	Patna
47	Begusarai	Bihar	Patna
48	Bettiah	Bihar	Patna
49	Bhagalpur	Bihar	Patna
50	Buxar	Bihar	Patna
51	Chhapra	Bihar	Patna
52	Dalmia Nagar	Bihar	Patna
53	Dalsingh Sarai	Bihar	Patna
54	Darbhanga	Bihar	Patna
55	Forbesganj	Bihar	Patna
56	Gaya	Bihar	Patna
57	Gopalganj	Bihar	Patna
58	Hajipur	Bihar	Patna
59	Jahanabad	Bihar	Patna
60	Jamui	Bihar	Patna
61	Katihar	Bihar	Patna
62	Khagaria	Bihar	Patna
63	Kishanganj	Bihar	Patna
64	Madhubani	Bihar	Patna

65	Maner	Bihar	Patna
66	Motihari	Bihar	Patna
67	Munger	Bihar	Patna
68	Muzaffarpur	Bihar	Patna
69	Nalanda	Bihar	Patna
70	Navada	Bihar	Patna
71	Patna	Bihar	Patna
72	Purnea	Bihar	Patna
73	Saharsa	Bihar	Patna
74	Samastipur	Bihar	Patna
75	Sasaram	Bihar	Patna
76	Sheohar	Bihar	Patna
77	Sitamarhi	Bihar	Patna
78	Siwan	Bihar	Patna
79	Bilaspur	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
80	Durg	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
81	Janjgir-Champa	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
82	Korba	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
83	Raigarh	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
84	Raipur	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
85	Rajnandgaon	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
86	Surguja	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
87	Silvasa	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	Mumbai
88	Daman	Daman	Mumbai
89	Herald House - ITO	Delhi	Delhi
90	Janak Puri	Delhi	Delhi
91	Mehrauli	Delhi	Delhi
92	Nehru Place	Delhi	Delhi
93	Patparganj	Delhi	Delhi
94	R.K. Puram	Delhi	Delhi
95	Shalimar Place	Delhi	Delhi
96	Yamuna Vihar	Delhi	Delhi
97	Margao	Goa	Panaji
98	Panaji	Goa	Panaji
99	Amreli	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
100	Anand	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
101	Bharuch	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
102	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
103	Bhuj	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
104	Chhota Udaipur	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
105	Dahod	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
106	Gandhinagar	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
107	Godhra	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
108	Jamnagar	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
109	Junagadh	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
110	Kheda	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
111	Mehsana	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
112	Mithakali Ahmedabad	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
113	Palanpur	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
114	Patan	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
115	Porbandar	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
116	Rajkot	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
117	Sabarkantha	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
118	Surendranagar	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
119	Vadodara	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
120	Veraval	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
121	Vijay Cross Road Ahmedabad	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
122	Bardoli	Gujarat	Surat
123	Navsari	Gujarat	Surat
124	Rajpipla	Gujarat	Surat
125	Surat	Gujarat	Surat
126	Valsad	Gujarat	Surat
127	Ludhiana	Haryana	Chandigarh
128	Ambala	Haryana	Chandigarh
129	Bhiwani Mahendragarh	Haryana	Chandigarh
130	Chandigarh	Haryana	Chandigarh
131	Hisar	Haryana	Chandigarh

132	Kaithal	Haryana	Chandigarh
133	Karnal	Haryana	Chandigarh
134	Panipat	Haryana	Chandigarh
135	Sirsa	Haryana	Chandigarh
136	Yamunanagar	Haryana	Chandigarh
137	Faridabad	Haryana	Delhi
138	Gurgaon	Haryana	Delhi
139	Narnaul	Haryana	Delhi
140	Rohtak	Haryana	Delhi
141	Sonipat	Haryana	Delhi
142	Hamirpur	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
143	Kangra	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
144	Kullu	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
145	Mandi	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
146	Palampur	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
147	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
148	Una	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
149	Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
150	Kathua	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
151	Rajouri	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
152	Udhampur	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
153	Anantnag	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
154	Baramulla	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
155	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
156	Bokaro	Jharkhand	Ranchi
157	Chaibasha	Jharkhand	Ranchi
158	Deoghar	Jharkhand	Ranchi
159	Dhanbad	Jharkhand	Ranchi
160	Dumka	Jharkhand	Ranchi
161	Giridih	Jharkhand	Ranchi
162	Gumla	Jharkhand	Ranchi
163	Hazaribagh	Jharkhand	Ranchi
164	Jamshedpur	Jharkhand	Ranchi
165	Jumri Tilaiya	Jharkhand	Ranchi
166	Khunti	Jharkhand	Ranchi
167	Medininagar	Jharkhand	Ranchi
168	Ranchi	Jharkhand	Ranchi
169	Sahibganj	Jharkhand	Ranchi
170	Simaria	Jharkhand	Ranchi
171	Kalaburagi	Karnataka	Bengaluru
172	Ankola	Karnataka	Bengaluru
173	Bagalkot	Karnataka	Bengaluru
174	Belagavi	Karnataka	Bengaluru
175	Bellary	Karnataka	Bengaluru
176	Bidar	Karnataka	Bengaluru
177	Chamrajanagar	Karnataka	Bengaluru
178	Channapatna	Karnataka	Bengaluru
179	Chikkballapur	Karnataka	Bengaluru
180	Chikkodi	Karnataka	Bengaluru
181	Chitradurga	Karnataka	Bengaluru
182	Davangere	Karnataka	Bengaluru
183	Gadag	Karnataka	Bengaluru
184	Hassan	Karnataka	Bengaluru
185	Hubballi-Dharwad	Karnataka	Bengaluru
186	Jalahalli	Karnataka	Bengaluru
187	Koppal	Karnataka	Bengaluru
188	Lalbagh	Karnataka	Bengaluru
189	Maddur	Karnataka	Bengaluru
190	Mangaluru	Karnataka	Bengaluru
191	Mysuru	Karnataka	Bengaluru
192	Raichur	Karnataka	Bengaluru
193	Robertsonpet	Karnataka	Bengaluru
194	Sai Arcade	Karnataka	Bengaluru
195	Shivamogga	Karnataka	Bengaluru
196	Tumakuru	Karnataka	Bengaluru
197	Udupi	Karnataka	Bengaluru
198	Vijayapura	Karnataka	Bengaluru
199	Alappuzha	Kerala	Cochin

200	Aluva	Kerala	Cochin
201	Chengannur	Kerala	Cochin
202	Kattappana	Kerala	Cochin
203	Kottayam	Kerala	Cochin
204	Nenmara	Kerala	Cochin
205	Palakkad	Kerala	Cochin
206	Thrissur	Kerala	Cochin
207	Tripunithura	Kerala	Cochin
208	Kannur	Kerala	Kozhikode
209	Kasargod	Kerala	Kozhikode
210	Kozhikode	Kerala	Kozhikode
211	Malappuram	Kerala	Kozhikode
212	Payyanur	Kerala	Kozhikode
213	Vadakara	Kerala	Kozhikode
214	Attingal	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
215	Kollam	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
216	Neyyattinkara	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
217	Pathanamthitta	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
218	Vazhuthacaud	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
219	Leh	Laddakh	Srinagar
220	Kavaratti	Lakshadweep	Cochin
221	Balaghat	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
222	Betul	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
223	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
224	Chhatarpur	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
225	Chhindwara	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
226	Damoh	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
227	Dewas	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
228	Dhar	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
229	Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
230	Hoshangabad	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
231	Indore	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
232	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
233	Ratlam	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
234	Rewa	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
235	Sagar	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
236	Satna	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
237	Tikamgarh	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
238	Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
239	Vidisha	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
240	Andheri	Maharashtra	Mumbai
241	Aurangabad	Maharashtra	Mumbai
242	Bhiwandi	Maharashtra	Mumbai
243	Bhusawal	Maharashtra	Mumbai
244	Dhule	Maharashtra	Mumbai
245	Jalgaon	Maharashtra	Mumbai
246	Lower Parel	Maharashtra	Mumbai
247	Malad	Maharashtra	Mumbai
248	Nashik	Maharashtra	Mumbai
249	Rajapur	Maharashtra	Mumbai
250	Santa Cruz	Maharashtra	Mumbai
251	Sion	Maharashtra	Mumbai
252	Thane	Maharashtra	Mumbai
253	Vashi	Maharashtra	Mumbai
254	Vikroli	Maharashtra	Mumbai
255	Ahmednagar	Maharashtra	Pune
256	Baramati	Maharashtra	Pune
257	Beed	Maharashtra	Pune
258	Ichalkaranji	Maharashtra	Pune
259	Jalna	Maharashtra	Pune
260	Kolhapur	Maharashtra	Pune
261	Latur	Maharashtra	Pune
262	Madha	Maharashtra	Pune
263	Nanded	Maharashtra	Pune
264	Osmanabad	Maharashtra	Pune
265	Pandharpur	Maharashtra	Pune
266	Parbhani	Maharashtra	Pune
267	Pimpri Chinchwad	Maharashtra	Pune

268	Pune	Maharashtra	Pune
269	Sangli	Maharashtra	Pune
270	Satara	Maharashtra	Pune
271	Shirur	Maharashtra	Pune
272	Solapur	Maharashtra	Pune
273	Srirampur	Maharashtra	Pune
274	Akola	Maharashtra	Nagpur
275	Amravati	Maharashtra	Nagpur
276	Bhandara	Maharashtra	Nagpur
277	Buldhana	Maharashtra	Nagpur
278	Chandrapur	Maharashtra	Nagpur
279	Gadchiroli	Maharashtra	Nagpur
280	Hingoli	Maharashtra	Nagpur
281	Katoal	Maharashtra	Nagpur
282	Nagpur	Maharashtra	Nagpur
283	Wardha	Maharashtra	Nagpur
284	Yavatmal	Maharashtra	Nagpur
285	Imphal	Manipur	Guwahati
286	Kakching	Manipur	Guwahati
287	Shillong	Meghalaya	Guwahati
288	Tura	Meghalaya	Guwahati
289	Aizawl	Mizoram	Guwahati
290	Dimapur	Nagaland	Guwahati
291	Aska	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
292	Balasore	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
293	Bargarh	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
294	Baripada	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
295	Berhampur	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
296	Bhadrak	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
297	Bhawanipatna	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
298	Bhubaneshwar	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
299	Bolangir	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
300	Cuttack	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
301	Dhenkanal	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
302	Jagatsinghpur	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
303	Jajpur	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
304	Kendrapara	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
305	Keonjhar	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
306	Koraput	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
307	Nabarangpur	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
308	Phulbani	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
309	Puri	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
310	Rourkela	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
311	Sambalpur	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
312	Karaikal	Puducherry	Tiruchirapalli
313	Puducherry	Puducherry	Tiruchirapalli
314	Ferozpur	Punjab	Amritsar
315	Amritsar	Punjab	Amritsar
316	Basi Pattana	Punjab	Chandigarh
317	Bathinda	Punjab	Chandigarh
318	Malerkotla	Punjab	Chandigarh
319	Patiala	Punjab	Chandigarh
320	Ropar	Punjab	Chandigarh
321	Hoshiarpur	Punjab	Jalandhar
322	Jalandhar-1	Punjab	Jalandhar
323	Jalandhar-2	Punjab	Jalandhar
324	Moga	Punjab	Jalandhar
325	Pathankot	Punjab	Jalandhar
326	Phagwara	Punjab	Jalandhar
327	Ajmer	Rajasthan	Jaipur
328	Alwar	Rajasthan	Jaipur
329	Banswara	Rajasthan	Jaipur
330	Barmer	Rajasthan	Jaipur
331	Bharatpur	Rajasthan	Jaipur
332	Bhilwara	Rajasthan	Jaipur
333	Bikaner	Rajasthan	Jaipur
334	Chittorgarh	Rajasthan	Jaipur
335	Churu	Rajasthan	Jaipur

336	Dausa	Rajasthan	Jaipur
337	Hanumangarh	Rajasthan	Jaipur
338	Jaipur	Rajasthan	Jaipur
339	Jaisalmer	Rajasthan	Jaipur
340	Jhalawar	Rajasthan	Jaipur
341	Jhunjhunu	Rajasthan	Jaipur
342	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	Jaipur
343	Kankroli	Rajasthan	Jaipur
344	Karauli-Dhaulpur	Rajasthan	Jaipur
345	Kota	Rajasthan	Jaipur
346	Kotputli	Rajasthan	Jaipur
347	Nagaur	Rajasthan	Jaipur
348	Pali	Rajasthan	Jaipur
349	Pratapgarh	Rajasthan	Jaipur
350	Sawai Madhopur	Rajasthan	Jaipur
351	Sikar	Rajasthan	Jaipur
352	Sirohi	Rajasthan	Jaipur
353	Sriganganagar	Rajasthan	Jaipur
354	Udaipur	Rajasthan	Jaipur
355	Aminjikarai	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
356	Arani	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
357	Chennai GPO	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
358	Chidambaram	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
359	Cuddalore	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
360	Dharmapuri	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
361	Kallakurichi	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
362	Kancheepuram	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
363	Krishnagiri	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
364	Ranipet	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
365	Saligramam	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
366	Tambaram	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
367	Tiruvallur	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
368	Tiruvannamalai	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
369	Vellore	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
370	Viluppuram	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
371	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore
372	Coonoor	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore
373	Erode	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore
374	Rasipuram	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore
375	Salem	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore
376	Bodineyaknur	Tamil Nadu	Madurai
377	Devakottai	Tamil Nadu	Madurai
378	Kodairoad	Tamil Nadu	Madurai
379	Madurai	Tamil Nadu	Madurai
380	Nagercoil	Tamil Nadu	Madurai
381	Rajpalyam	Tamil Nadu	Madurai
382	Ramathapuram	Tamil Nadu	Madurai
383	Thoothukkudi	Tamil Nadu	Madurai
384	Tirunelveli City	Tamil Nadu	Madurai
385	Virudhunagar	Tamil Nadu	Madurai
386	Karur	Tamil Nadu	Tiruchirappalli
387	Perambalur	Tamil Nadu	Tiruchirappalli
388	Sirkali	Tamil Nadu	Tiruchirappalli
389	Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu	Tiruchirappalli
390	Thiruthuraipoondi	Tamil Nadu	Tiruchirappalli
391	Tiruchirappalli	Tamil Nadu	Tiruchirappalli
392	Ameerpet	Telangana	Hyderabad
393	Adilabad	Telangana	Hyderabad
394	Begumpet	Telangana	Hyderabad
395	Bhongir	Telangana	Hyderabad
396	Kamareddy	Telangana	Hyderabad
397	Karimnagar	Telangana	Hyderabad
398	Khammam	Telangana	Hyderabad
399	Mahabubabad	Telangana	Hyderabad
400	Mancherial	Telangana	Hyderabad
401	Medak	Telangana	Hyderabad
402	Medchal	Telangana	Hyderabad
403	Mehbubnagar	Telangana	Hyderabad

404	Nalgonda	Telangana	Hyderabad
405	Nizamabad	Telangana	Hyderabad
406	Siddipet	Telangana	Hyderabad
407	Toli Chowki	Telangana	Hyderabad
408	Vikarabad	Telangana	Hyderabad
409	Wanaparthy	Telangana	Hyderabad
410	Warangal	Telangana	Hyderabad
411	Agartala	Tripura	Kolkata
412	Dhramanagar	Tripura	Kolkata
413	Amroha	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
414	Badaun	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
415	Bijnaur	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
416	Moradabad	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
417	Pilibhit	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
418	Rampur	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
419	Shahjahanpur	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
420	Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh
421	Achnera	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
422	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
423	Aligarh	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
424	Baghpat	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
425	Bulandshahr	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
426	Ghaziabad	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
427	Hathras	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
428	Meerut	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
429	Muzaffarnagar	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
430	Noida	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
431	Saharanpur	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
432	Vrindawan	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
433	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
434	Ambedkar Nagar	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
435	Amethi	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
436	Ayodhya	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
437	Azamgarh	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
438	Bahraich	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
439	Ballia	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
440	Balrampur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
441	Banda	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
442	Bhadohi	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
443	Chunar	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
444	Deoria	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
445	Farrukhabad	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
446	Fatehpur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
447	Ghazipur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
448	Gonda	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
449	Gorakhpur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
450	Goshi (Mau)	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
451	Hamirpur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
452	Hardoi	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
453	Jaunpur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
454	Jhansi	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
455	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
456	Kheri	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
457	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
458	Maharajganj	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
459	Misrikh	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
460	Pratapgarh	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
461	Rae Bareli	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
462	Siddharth Nagar	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
463	Sitapur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
464	Sultanpur	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
465	Unnao	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
466	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
467	Almora	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
468	Dehradun	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
469	Kathgodam	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
470	Nainital	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
471	Roorkee	Uttarakhand	Dehradun

472	Rudrapur	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
473	Srinagar	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
474	Alipurduar	West Bengal	Kolkata
475	Amta	West Bengal	Kolkata
476	Arambagh	West Bengal	Kolkata
477	Asansol	West Bengal	Kolkata
478	Ashok Nagar	West Bengal	Kolkata
479	Balurghat	West Bengal	Kolkata
480	Bangaon	West Bengal	Kolkata
481	Bankura	West Bengal	Kolkata
482	Bardhaman	West Bengal	Kolkata
483	Barrackpore	West Bengal	Kolkata
484	Basirhat	West Bengal	Kolkata
485	Beadon Street	West Bengal	Kolkata
486	Berhampore	West Bengal	Kolkata
487	Bishnupur	West Bengal	Kolkata
488	Bolpur	West Bengal	Kolkata
489	Canning Road Ferry Ghat	West Bengal	Kolkata
490	Chinsurah	West Bengal	Kolkata
491	Coochbehar	West Bengal	Kolkata
492	Darjeeling	West Bengal	Kolkata
493	Diamond Harbour	West Bengal	Kolkata
494	Dum Dum	West Bengal	Kolkata
495	Gangtok	West Bengal	Kolkata
496	Ghatal	West Bengal	Kolkata
497	Howrah	West Bengal	Kolkata
498	Jadavpur	West Bengal	Kolkata
499	Jalpaiguri	West Bengal	Kolkata
500	Jhargram	West Bengal	Kolkata
501	Jiyaganj	West Bengal	Kolkata
502	Kakdweep	West Bengal	Kolkata
503	Kanathi	West Bengal	Kolkata
504	Katwa	West Bengal	Kolkata
505	Kharagpur	West Bengal	Kolkata
506	Kolkata	West Bengal	Kolkata
507	Krishnanagar	West Bengal	Kolkata
508	Makdumpur	West Bengal	Kolkata
509	North Dinajpur	West Bengal	Kolkata
510	Purulia	West Bengal	Kolkata
511	Raghunathganj	West Bengal	Kolkata
512	Rampurhat	West Bengal	Kolkata
513	Ranaghat	West Bengal	Kolkata
514	Samsi	West Bengal	Kolkata
515	Serampore	West Bengal	Kolkata
516	Siliguri	West Bengal	Kolkata
517	Tamluk	West Bengal	Kolkata

SIMPLIFICATION OF PASSPORT RULES

In order to streamline, liberalize and ease the process of issue of passport, the Ministry of External Affairs has taken a number of steps in the realm of passport policy to ease the process of issue of passports. The details of these steps are given below:-

A. Documents in support of proof of Date of Birth

As per the extant statutory provisions of the Passport Rules, 1980, all the applicants born on or after 26/01/1989, in order to get a passport, had to, hitherto, mandatorily submit the Birth Certificate as the proof of Date of Birth (DOB). It has now been decided that all applicants of passports can submit any one of the following documents as the proof of DOB while submitting the passport application:

- (i) Birth Certificate (BC) issued by the Registrar of Births & Deaths or the Municipal Corporation or any other prescribed authority whosoever has been empowered under the Registration of Birth & Deaths Act, 1969 to register the birth of a child born in India;
- (i) Transfer/School leaving/Matriculation Certificate issued by the school last attended/recognized educational board containing the DOB of the applicant;
- (ii) PAN Card issued by the Income Tax Department with the DOB of applicant;
- (iii) Aadhaar Card/E-Aadhaar having the DOB of applicant;
- (iv) Copy of the extract of the service record of the applicant (only in respect of Government servants) or the Pay Pension Order (in respect of retired Government Servants), duly attested/certified by the officer/in-charge of the Administration of the concerned Ministry/Department of the applicant, having his DOB;
- (v) Driving license issued by the Transport Department of concerned State Government, having the DOB of applicant;
- (vi) Election Photo Identity Card (EPIC) issued by the Election Commission of India having the DOB of applicant;
- (vii) Policy Bond issued by the Public Life Insurance Corporations/Companies having the DOB of the holder of the insurance policy.

B. Other Changes

- (i) The online passport application form now requires the applicant to provide the name of father or mother or legal guardian, i.e., only one parent and not both. This would enable single parents to apply for passports for their children and to also issue passports where the name of either the father or the mother is not required to be printed at the request of the applicant.
- (ii) The total number of Annexes prescribed in the Passport Rule, 1980, has been reduced to 9 from the past 15.

- (iii) All the annexes that are required to be given by the applicants would be in the form of a self declaration on a plain paper. Attestation/swearing by/ before any Notary/ Executive Magistrate/ First Class Judicial Magistrate would be henceforth not required.
- (iv) Married applicants would not be required to provide the erstwhile Annexure K or any marriage certificate.
- (v) The passport application form does not require the applicant to provide the name of her/his spouse in case of separated or divorced persons. Such applicants for passports would not be required to provide even the Divorce Decree.
- (vi) In case of children not born out of wedlock, the applicant for the passport of such children should submit only extant Annexure C while submitting the passport application.
- (vii) In case of issue of passport to in-country domestically adopted children, submission of the registered adoption deed would no longer be required. In the absence of any deed to this effect, the passport applicant may give a declaration on a plain paper confirming the adoption.
- (viii) Government servants, who are not able to obtain the Identity Certificate (extant Annexure-A)/ No-Objection Certificate (extant Annexure-G) from their concerned employer and intend to get the passport on urgent basis can now get the passport by submitting a self-declaration in extant Annexure-‘H’ that he/she has given prior Intimation Letter to his/her employer informing that he/she was applying for an ordinary passport to a Passport Issuing Authority.
- (ix) Sadhus/ Sanyasis can apply for a passport with the name of their spiritual Guru mentioned in the passport application in lieu of their biological parent(s) name(s) subject to their providing of at least one public document such as Election Photo Identity Card (EPIC) issued by the Election Commission of India, PAN card, Aadhaar Card, etc wherein the name of the Guru has been recorded against the column(s) for parent(s) name(s).
- (x) Orphaned children who do not have any proof of DOB such as Birth Certificate or the Matriculation Certificate or the declaratory Court order, may now submit a declaration given by the Head of the Orphanage/Child Care Home on their official letter head of the organization confirming the DOB of the applicant.
- (xi) An applicant for a passport has to submit any one of the documents as mentioned in (A) above as proof of Date of Birth (DOB) while submitting the passport application. The DOB mentioned in the document would be recorded in the passport. In case there is a discrepancy between the DOB previously recorded in the passport and the new proof of DOB submitted by the applicant, the Passport Issuing Authorities (PIA) have been authorized to consider the explanation of each applicant seeking change in the DOB (irrespective of the period that would have lapsed after the issue of the passport) to find the genuineness of the claim and if the PIA is satisfied with the claim and with the document(s) submitted by the applicant in support of the claim, the PIA shall accept all such

requests made by the applicant to issue the passport with revised DOB.

- (xii) The educational certificates of recognized International Education Organizations such as International Baccalaureate Certificate or Middle Year Programme, International Baccalaureate Diploma, IGCSE/GCSE Certificate, Cambridge International Systems (O & A Level) are accepted for issue of Non-ECR (Emigration Check Not Required) passport.
- (xiii) In case of issue of passport to surrogate children, submission of registered surrogacy agreement would no longer be required. The passport applicant may submit notarized surrogate agreement in addition to other required documents.
- (xiv) Exemption has been provided to the children below the age of 5 years and physically disabled persons without forelimbs from giving biometric details (10 fingerprints) to the Passport Authority which otherwise is mandatory in every case.
- (xv) To obviate the hardships being faced by the applicants due to non-possession of registered rent agreement, unregistered rent agreement has been prescribed as valid address proof for issue of passports.
- (xvi) Passports can be now obtained under the 'Tatkaal' Scheme without providing the Verification Certificate from a Gazetted Officer, which was required earlier. Applicants may submit any 3 of the following documents for obtaining passport:
 - (a) Aadhaar Card or e-Aadhaar containing the 12 digit Aadhaar number or 28-digit Aadhaar enrolment ID printed on the Aadhaar enrolment slip issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI);
 - (a) Electors Photo Identify Card (EPIC);
 - (b) Permanent Account Number (PAN);
 - (c) driving licence (valid and within the jurisdiction of State of submission of applicant);
 - (d) bank passbook or kisan passbook or post office passbook;
 - (e) student photo identity card issued by a recognised educational institution;
 - (f) birth certificate issued under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 (18 of 1969);
 - (g) service photo identity card issued by State Government or Central Government, public sector undertakings, local bodies or public limited companies;
 - (h) pension document such as ex-servicemen's pension book or pension payment order issued to retired Government employees, ex-servicemen's widow or dependent certificate, old age pension order;

- (i) scheduled caste or scheduled tribe or other backward class certificate;
- (j) arms licence issued under the Arms Act, 1959 (54 of 1959);
- (k) ration card; and
- (l) last passport issued (in case of reissue only)
