

Sl. No.	State	2014	2015	2016
26.	Punjab	4955	4216	2739
27.	Rajasthan	18789	16190	1761
28.	Sikkim	6	0	4933
29.	Tamil Nadu	19817	14399	8561
30.	Telangana	15039	10716	3571
31.	Tripura	295	1138	3003
32.	Uttar Pradesh	131428	128251	7457
33.	Uttarakhand	2018	3064	5700
34.	West Bengal	29343	37279	28664
35.	Karnataka	6935	4687	24005
36.	Kerala	22977	12371	59799
TOTAL		329882	306642	165356

Source: e-Migrate portal.

#### **POPSKs in Tamil Nadu**

2429. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified any head post office in the district of Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu to commence its Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) in the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) to (c) Salem and Vellore have been identified for opening of two POPSKs in Tamil Nadu. Out of these two, one POPSK has been inaugurated at Salem on 07.03.2017.

There are eight Passport Seva Kendras in Tamil Nadu at Aminjikarai, Saligramam, Tambaram, Coimbatore, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Thanjavur and Trichy.

There are four Passport Offices at Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Trichy. Opening of POPSK in the district of Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu is under the consideration of the Government.