

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS IN GUJARAT

984. SHRI RAJESH NARANBHAI CHUDASAMA

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

(a) whether Government intends to establish more Passport Seva Kendras in Gujarat, especially in Junagadh district, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government further intends to establish passport service centres in institutes other than post offices for increasing delivery services, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) 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. Ministry of External Affairs in association with Department of Posts (DoP) had decided in January 2017 to open Seva Kendras at the Head Post Offices (HPO)|Post Offices (PO) in the country called Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK) in each Lok Sabha Constituency (LSC) where there is no PSK or POPSK. Under this initiative, a POPSK is functional at Junagadh district in Junagadh LSC. Currently, there are 2 Regional Passport Offices (RPOs), 5 PSKs and 23 POPSKs operational in Gujarat State.

(b) There is no such policy under consideration of the Government to establish passport service centres in institutes other than post offices.
