

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1613
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018

PROPOSALS PENDING FOR PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS IN PUNJAB

1613. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Passport Seva Kendras functioning in Punjab at the moment;
- (b) the main purpose of such Kendras; and
- (c) the requests pending to open more such Kendras in that State in the near future?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

- (a) As on 21.12.2018, there are 10 Passport Kendras functioning in Punjab at Amritsar, Bathinda, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar-1, Jalandhar-2, Ludhiana, Moga, Phagwara, Pathankot and Patiala.
- (b) With the aim to cater to the ever increasing demand for passports and for reaching out to people located far away, Passport Kendras have been established across the country. At present, 348 Passport Kendras are operating across the country as extended arms of the 36 Passport Offices.
- (c) The Ministry has decided to open four more Passport Kendras in Punjab at Ferozepur, SBS Nagar(Nawan Shahar), Sangrur and Tarn Taran.
