#### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3475 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021

#### **PSK IN RAJASTHAN**

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SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) operational in Rajasthan;
- (b) whether the Government has announced to setup some more PSKs in Rajasthan in phase-III alongwith the reason therefor;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including Sri Ganganagar;
- (d) whether the Government has sanctioned any amount to Rajasthan in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of targets fixed and the achievements made so far?

## ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

- (a) Rajasthan has 4 Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) and 24 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK). The list of PSKs and POPSKs is placed at Annexure I.
- (b) & (c) The opening of Passport Kendras in various States, including in Rajasthan has been an on-going activity and depends on various factors, including distance from the existing Passport Kendras and volume of applications from a particular region. The Ministry in association with the Department of Posts decided in January 2017 to open Passport Kendras at the Head Post Offices (HPO)/ Post Offices (PO) in the country called 'POPSK' in every Lok Sabha Constituency, where there is no PSK, to ensure that

there is at least one PSK or POPSK available in every Lok Sabha Constituency. A POPSK at Sri Ganganagar is functional since 26.02.2018. At present, Government has no proposal to open any Passport Seva Kendra in Rajasthan.

- (d) No separate funds have been sanctioned for setting up of PSK in Rajasthan. The expenditure on opening of Passport Seva Kendra is met out of sanctioned budget allocation of Passport Seva Programme.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) There are 25 Lok Sabha Constituencies in Rajasthan. In Rajasthan, there is one Passport Office at Jaipur. It has four Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) at Jaipur, Jodhpur, Sikar and Udaipur. There are also 24 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) functional in Rajasthan. As such, the passport services are available in all the Lok Sabha Constituencies of Rajasthan.

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### ANNEXURE-I TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3475

| Passport Seva Kendras and Post Office Passport Seva Kendras in<br>Rajasthan (Annexure-I) |       |         |       |                |
|--|-------|---------|-------|----------------|
| State/UT   | SI.No | PSK     | SI.No | POPSK          |
| Rajasthan  | 1     | Jaipur  | 1     | Ajmer          |
|  | 2     | Jodhpur | 2     | Alwar          |
|  | 3     | Sikar   | 3     | Banswara       |
|  | 4     | Udaipur | 4     | Barmer         |
|  |       |         | 5     | Bharatpur      |
|  |       |         | 6     | Bhilwara       |
|  |       |         | 7     | Bikaner        |
|  |       |         | 8     | Chittorgarh    |
|  |       |         | 9     | Churu          |
|  |       |         | 10    | Dausa          |
|  |       |         | 11    | Dholpur        |
|  |       |         | 12    | Hanumangarh    |
|  |       |         | 13    | Jaisalmer      |
|  |       |         | 14    | Jhalawar       |
|  |       |         | 15    | Jhunjhunu      |
|  |       |         | 16    | Kankroli       |
|  |       |         | 17    | Kota           |
|  |       |         | 18    | <u> </u>       |
|  |       |         | 19    | Nagaur         |
|  |       |         | 20    | Pali           |
|  |       |         | 21    | Pratapgarh     |
|  |       |         | 22    | Sawai Madhopur |
|  |       |         | 23    | Sirohi         |
|  |       |         | 24    | Sri Ganganagar |

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