

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ANSWERED ON- 29/11/2024

SETTING UP OF POPSK

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that majority of people from Dungarpur district in Rajasthan working as labourers in Kuwait and gulf countries are compelled to go to Udaipur for there passport application;**
- b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of people applying for passport as well as for its renewal along with the number of people going abroad every year form the said district;**
- c) whether the Government proposes to open Post Office Passport Service Kendra (POPSK) in the said district and if so, the timeline fixed for the same; and**
- d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to d) 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 Kendra (POPSK) in each Lok Sabha Constituency (LSC) where there is no PSK or a POPSK. As on date, 93 PSKs and 442 POPSKs have been set up in the country and are operational to cater to the needs of passport seekers.

In the year 2018, Ministry introduced a policy of apply from anywhere in India in which an applicant can submit his/her application irrespective of whether the current residential address specified in their application form lies within the jurisdiction of the selected Passport Office or not.

Dungarpur District of Rajasthan comes under the Banswara Lok Sabha Constituency (LSC). There is already a POPSK in Banswara where forty (40) Normal appointments and five (05) PCC appointments are released every day. Appointment is available for next working day and sixth working day respectively.

**Total number of Application received and passports issued from
Dungarpur District in Rajasthan during the last 3 years is as under:-**

S. No.	Year	Passport Applications Received (Fresh & Renewal)	Passports Issued
i.	2021	3488	3400
ii.	2022	6171	6006
iii.	2023	6208	6019
iv.	2024 (up to 31 Oct 2024)	4794	4519
