

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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PASSPORT SEVA KENDRA IN DIU

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

- (a) whether any functional Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) is currently located in Diu;**
- b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- c) whether the residents of Diu have to travel to PSKs in Veraval/Rajkot/Ahmedabad for passport related services, if so, the details thereof;**
- d) whether the Government has taken any steps to set up PSK in Diu, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- e) the details of the process for setting up PSK in Diu and the time-frame by which PSK is likely to be made operational in Diu?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (e) Currently, there is no Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) located in Diu.

Opening of a PSK/POPSK is an on-going activity and depends upon various factors including distance from an existing PSK / POPSK and the volume of passport applications from a particular region. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) 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) in India, including the Daman & Diu LSC, where there is no PSK or POPSK.

Under this initiative, a POPSK is functional *at Daman* under Daman & Diu LSC, where 45 appointments {40 normal and 5 Police Clearance Certificate(PCC)} are released every day and appointments are available on next working day. Moreover, in June 2018, MEA had launched the '*Apply anywhere in India*' scheme under which a passport can be applied at any PSK/POPSK in India. Also, the details of PSK/POPSKs which are closer to Diu are given below:

Nearby PSKs / POPSKs to Diu	Distance from Diu
POPSK Veraval	85 kms
POPSK Amreli	120 kms
POPSK Junagadh	140 kms
PSK Rajkot	225 kms
