

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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LOK SABHA

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POPSK IN BAGAHA AND RAMNAGAR

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the approval was accorded to open Passport Service Centres in sub-post offices in Bagaha and Ramnagar of Bihar under Valmiki Nagar Constituency;**
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the said centre is not being opened in Bagaha sub-post office due to lack of buildings there;**
- (c) if so, whether the Government is contemplating an alternative arrangements for the same and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details and status of Ramnagar Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK)?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to d) 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 in association with Department of Posts (DoP) had decided in January 2017 to open Passport 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). As on date, 93 PSKs and 450 POPSKs have been set up in the country and are in operation to cater to the needs of passport seekers. Under this initiative out of 40 LSCs in Bihar, 2 PSKs and 37 POPSKs are functional in 39 LSCs. A suitable site for establishing a POPSK in Valmiki Nagar LSC is being finalized in consultation with Department of Posts, subsequent to this, works will be undertaken to operationalize the POPSK there.
