

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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PASSPORT SEVA KENDRA IN SHAMLI

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made by the Government to set up a Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) in Shamli district;**
- (b) whether the post office building initially considered for setting up the PSK in the said district was later found unsuitable due to limited availability of space, if so, the details thereof ;**
- (c) whether the Government is considering to identify an alternate location for the PSK so that the residents of Shamli district do not have to depend on other districts for passport services, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether any survey has been conducted or other measures have been adopted for this purpose by the Government, if so, the details thereof and if not the concrete steps being taken in this regard ?**

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), where there is no PSK or POPSK. 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 80 LSCs in Uttar Pradesh, 6 PSKs and 52 POPSKs are functional in 58 LSCs. Shamli district comes under Kairana LSC and a POPSK is yet to be opened in Kairana LSC. A suitable site for establishing a POPSK in Kairana LSC is being finalized in consultation with Department of Posts following which further steps will be taken to operationalize the POPSK there.
