

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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PROPOSED PASSPORT OFFICE IN PUNJAB

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the work of the proposed Passport Office at Malout in Muktsar Sahib district of Punjab;

(b) the time by which the said passport office is likely to be fully operational for the general public; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to expedite the process for the convenience of the people of the said area, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) 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 Kendras (POPSK) in each Lok Sabha Constituency (LSC) where there is no PSK or POPSK. Under this initiative, a POPSK is

functional at Firozpur in Firozpur Lok Sabha Constituency. Malout in Muktsar Sahib district falls under Firozpur LSC in Punjab.

It is also informed that under this POPSK 80 normal passport category and 10 Police Clearance Certificate (PCC) category appointments are released on a daily basis and appointments are available in 10 working days for normal category and on next working day for PCC category appointments.
