

Regarding operationalisation of Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) at Nandurbar Parliamentary Constituency-laid

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT (NANDURBAR): Currently, 93 PSKs and 434 POPSKs have been set up in the country and are operational to cater to the needs of passport seekers. The MEA and Department of Posts had announced to utilise the Head Post Offices (HPO) in various states as Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK). I represent the Nandurbar Parliamentary Constituency which is amongst the 51 Lok Sabha constituencies which have no Passport Seva Kendra or Post Office Passport Seva Kendra. Nandurbar is a tribal dominated region having a low human development index indicator. The people of Nandurbar have to travel to Dhule or Nasik in order to get an appointment for a passport which causes inconvenience. The Government had sanctioned a POPSK for Nandurbar Parliamentary Constituency and the required land/space was also made available and POPSK was scheduled to be inaugurated in 2023, but due to absence of necessary equipments to operationalize the POPSK, the inauguration and subsequent operationalization of passport related services has been delayed. I request the Government to intervene and take necessary steps to address the delay in operationalizing the POPSK in Nandurbar by providing necessary equipment for starting POPSK at the earliest which will benefit the people of my constituency.