

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4521
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MINI PASSPORT SEVA KENDRA
Singh Shri Ravneet

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start Mini Passport Seva Kendras in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Punjab; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c) Yes. In order to further expand Passport services network in the country, the Government, in addition to the 77 Passport Seva Kendras already set up, proposes to establish Passport Seva Laghu Kendras (Mini PSKs) in several locations. The State-wise details of the notified 14 Passport Seva Laghu Kendras is annexed. In addition, the Ministry has also approved setting up of two Passport Seva Laghu Kendras in Karimnagar and Bhimavaram. The Government has received a number of requests from representatives of public and other forums to establish additional Passport Seva Kendras/Passport Seva Laghu Kendras, including in State of Punjab. The National Institute for Smart Government (NISG), who had done the detailed Project Report for the Passport Seva Project, has been approached to examine all such proposals and advise the Government in this regard.