

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PASSPORT SEVA CAMP PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has got the report of a feasibility study for opening of new passport offices in various States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is organising passport fairs and has recently launched Passport Seva Camp Programme (PSCP) country-wide for making passport services to people located far away from Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs);
- (c) if so, the number of fairs and camps organised during the last six months, State-wise, the number of applicants who got benefited from it along with the salient features of PSCP; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up a permanent passport centre as per the demand in any of the above said cities and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) Based on the study report on the requirements of new Passport Seva Kendras, Government has decided to open a PSK in Indore and Solapur. The Government has been organising Passport Melas at the PSKs on weekends to meet heavy demand for passports. Passport Seva Camps are being organised during weekends at locations other than PSKs to provide closer and speedier passport services.

State-wise details of Passport Melas and Camps held from 1-6-2014 to 30-11-2014 are enclosed. (Annexures I & II).