

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3172**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018

**PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS**

†3172. SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) have been sanctioned in Balaghat and Shivni districts in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether these passport offices have started functioning; and
- (c) if not, the time by which these PSKs are likely to start functioning?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Yes. The Ministry in association with the Department of Posts has decided to open 251 Passport Seva Kendras at the Head Post Offices (HPO)/ Post Offices (PO) in the country called 'Post Office Passport Seva Kendra' (POPSK). In Madhya Pradesh, 16 POPSK have been sanctioned which includes POPSK at Balaghat and Shivni.

(b) & (c) The POPSK at Balaghat has become operational on 4 March, 2018. The Ministry intends to complete the requisite formalities for the operationalization of the remaining POPSK in Madhya Pradesh by 31 March, 2018.

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