GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1072 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2021

PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS

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Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state :

- (a) the details of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) working in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Government had announced to set up more PSKs in Maharashtra in the third phase and if so, whether the Government has achieved the targets set;
- (c) if so, the current status of PSKs in Osmanabad, Parbhani and Ramtek districts;
- (d) whether the Government has sanctioned any funds for Maharashtra for this purpose;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of targets set and achieved in this regard?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

- (a) Eight (08) Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) and thirty eight (38) Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) are operational in Maharashtra. The list is attached at Annexure I and II respectively.
- (b) & (c) Government had announced five POPSKs in the third phase in Maharashtra viz. Akola, Amravati, Baramati, Chandrapur and Madha. All are now functional. POPSKs in all three Parliamentary constituencies viz. Osmanabad, Parbhani and Ramtek districts are functional.
- (d) to (f) Expenditure for PSK and POPSKs are met from the budget of Ministry of External Affairs directly without any earmarking of funds for particular States.

In order to enhance ease in obtaining passports and reduce hardship, the Ministry in association with Department of Posts (DOP) had announced in January, 2017 opening of Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) at the Head Post Offices (HPO)/Post Offices (PO) in each Parliamentary constituency where there was no Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) or Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK). Out of 48 Parliamentary (Lok Sabha) Constituencies in Maharashtra, there are 38 POPSKs and 8 Passport Seva Kendras covering 44 Parliamentary

Constituencies. Opening of PSK is an ongoing activity and depends on various factors including distance from the Passport Kendras and volume of applications from a particular region.

ANNEXURE I

List of PSKs in Maharashtra as on 27.11.2021				
SI.	PSK Location	State	RPO Name	
1	Andheri	Maharashtra	Mumbai	
2	Lower Parel	Maharashtra	Mumbai	
3	Malad	Maharashtra	Mumbai	
4	Nashik II	Maharashtra	Mumbai	
5	Thane II	Maharashtra	Mumbai	
6	Nagpur	Maharashtra	Nagpur	
7	Pune	Maharashtra	Pune	
8	Solapur	Maharashtra	Pune	

ANNEXURE II

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	List of POPSKs in Maharashtra as on 27.11.2021					
1	Aurangabad	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
2	Bhiwandi	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
3	Bhusawal	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
4	Daman	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
5	Dhule	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
6	Dombivli	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
7	Jalgaon	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
8	Rajapur	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
9	Santacruz	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
10	Silvasa	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
11	Sion	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
12	Vashi	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
13	Vikroli	Maharashtra	Mumbai			
14	Akola	Maharashtra	Nagpur			
15	Amravati	Maharashtra	Nagpur			
16	Bhandara	Maharashtra	Nagpur			
17	Buldhana	Maharashtra	Nagpur			
18	Chandrapur	Maharashtra	Nagpur			
19	Gadchiroli	Maharashtra	Nagpur			
20	Hingoli	Maharashtra	Nagpur			
21	Katoal	Maharashtra	Nagpur			
22	Wardha	Maharashtra	Nagpur			
23	Yavatmal	Maharashtra	Nagpur			
24	Ahmednagar	Maharashtra	Pune			
25	Baramati	Maharashtra	Pune			
26	Beed	Maharashtra	Pune			
27	Ichalkaranji	Maharashtra	Pune			
28	Jalna	Maharashtra	Pune			
29	Kolhapur	Maharashtra	Pune			
30	Latur	Maharashtra	Pune			
31	Madha	Maharashtra	Pune			
32	Nanded	Maharashtra	Pune			
33	Osmanabad	Maharashtra	Pune			
34	Pandharpur	Maharashtra	Pune			
35	Parbhani	Maharashtra	Pune			
36	Pimpri Chinchwad	Maharashtra	Pune			
37	Sangli	Maharashtra	Pune			
38	Satara	Maharashtra	Pune			
39	Shirur	Maharashtra	Pune			
40	Srirampur	Maharashtra	Pune			
