

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3702  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2022**

**NEW PASSPORT OFFICES**

**†3702. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to open new passport offices in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the details of the passport offices functioning in the tribal-dominated areas of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to open new passport office in Khargaun Badwani Parliamentary Constituency and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]**

(a) to (c) In order to bring passport services closer to people residing in villages/remote/rural areas of the country, the Ministry, in association with the Department of Posts, decided in January 2017 to open Passport Kendras at the Head Post Offices (HPO)/ Post Offices (PO) in the country called 'Post Office Passport Seva Kendra' (POPSK) in each Parliamentary constituency where there is no Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) or POPSK. Accordingly, 18 POPSKs have been opened so far in Madhya Pradesh in addition to 02 PSKs. As far as Khargaun Parliamentary Constituency is concerned, adequate space is not available in Khargaun Head Post Office for opening of POPSK.

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