

**Passport offices in Madhya Pradesh**

†2574. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would set up passport offices in all divisional headquarters of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) and (b) There are two Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) at Bhopal and Indore in Madhya Pradesh. Also, the Ministry in association with the Department of Posts has announced the opening of 289 Passport Kendras at the Head Post Offices (HPO)/Post Offices (PO) in the country called 'Post Office Passport Seva Kendra' (POPSK), including 19 in Madhya Pradesh. Out of these, nine POPSK at Balaghat, Chhindwara, Damoh, Dewas, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Ratlam, Satna and Vidisha are already functional. The Ministry intends to complete the requisite formalities for the remaining ten locations at Betul, Hoshangabad, Khajuraho, Rewa, Sagar, Sehore, Shivni, Shivpuri, Sidhi and Ujjain for setting up of these POPSK at the earliest. The opening of more Post Office Passport Seva Kendras is an on-going activity. The Post Office Passport Seva Kendras are being set up in association with the Department of Posts in order to bring passport services closer to people residing in villages/remote/rural areas of the country.

**Re-working of Indo-Nepal treaty**

2575. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal from Nepal to re-work the Treaty of Peace and Friendship between the Government of India and Government of Nepal, 1950;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the security concerns of both the countries were addressed given the fact that the two countries have open border;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Nepal for utilizing Indian expertise in employment generation and training of Nepal youth in the IT sector; and

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.