GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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PSKs IN TELANGANA

874. SHRI RAVICHANDRA VADDIRAJU

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) the number of Passport Seva Kendras opened in Telangana during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned/allocated and utilized thereon during the said period;

(c) the number of applications for passports pending in Telangana at present;

(d) the action taken by Government to clear the pending passports in time; and

(e) whether Government has any proposal for setting up of new passport office in Telangana and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a & e) Ministry in association with Department of Posts (DOP) had announced, the opening of Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (PSPSK) at the Head Post Offices (HPO)/Post Offices (PO) in each Parliamentary Constituency where there is no Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) or Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK). As on date, all the 17 Lok Sabha Constituencies of Telangana have either a PSK (05) or a POPSK (14). Opening of a new passport office depends on various factors including distance from existing PSKs and volume of applications.

(b) There are no separate funds allocated towards opening of Passport Service Centres (Passport Seva Kendras). The expenditure is met from the budget of the Ministry of External Affairs directly without any earmarking of fund separately for particular States, including Telangana.

(c) The number of applications for passports pending in Telangana at present is 8240.

(d) To clear the pending passports in time the Government augmented more officials to deal with applications from the state of Telangana. Passport officials have also been working on Saturdays (closed holidays) to clear the pending passports. In addition to this, RPO Hyderabad files are granted remotely through cross granting officers as and when needed.

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