

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 398**  
ANSWERED ON- 28/11/2024

**PASSPORT OFFICE IN MAYURBHANJ DISTRICT OF ODISHA**

398. SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to open new Passport Office in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that another dedicated Passport office is required in Mayurbhanj for easy appointment and documentation for Passport in the district; and
- (d) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to d) Ministry in association with Department of Posts (DoP) had decided in January 2017 to open Seva Kendras at the Head Post Offices (HPO)/ Post Offices (PO) in the country called Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) in each Lok Sabha Constituency (LSC) where there is no PSK or a POPSK. As on date, 93 PSKs and 442 POPSks have been set up in the country and are operational to cater to the needs of passport seekers.

Mayurbhanj District of Odisha comes under Baripada Lok Sabha Constituency (LSC). There is already a POPSK in Baripada Lok Sabha Constituency where forty (40) appointments are released every day and appointment is available for next working day.

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