

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING UP OF NEW PASSPORT OFFICES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open up new passport offices in the country particularly in Baroda and Rajkot in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any guidelines have been prescribed for opening up of new passport offices in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (e) The Government is committed to improving the Passport Issuance System as a whole, and has accordingly started implementing the Passport Seva Project under which 77 Passport Seva Kendras are to be established throughout the country with the objective to deliver passport related services to the citizens in a timely, transparent, more accessible and reliable manner. One Passport Seva Kendra each is proposed to be established at Baroda and Rajkot.