

Supreme Court Refuses to Intervene in CPV Tenders Case

The Supreme Court upheld the Delhi High Court's decision to quash tenders for Consular, Passport, and Visa (CPV) services in four Indian missions.

Consular, Passport, and Visa (CPV) services are essential functions provided by Indian missions abroad to citizens and foreign nationals.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Supreme Court** on Monday, **July 20, 2026**, refused to intervene against a **Delhi High Court** decision.
- The **Delhi High Court** had quashed **tenders** outsourcing Consular, Passport and Visa (CPV) services.
- These outsourced services were for **Indian missions** located in **Abu Dhabi, Kuwait, Singapore, and Canberra**.
- A **three-judge Bench**, headed by **Chief Justice of India Surya Kant**, heard the matter.
- The Bench stated that the **Union government**, through the **Ministry of External Affairs**, was free to evolve **temporary service arrangements**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Supreme Court of India** is the **highest judicial body** and the final court of appeal under the Constitution.

Article 124 of the **Indian Constitution** provides for the establishment and constitution of the **Supreme Court**.

High Courts are the highest judicial bodies in states, established under **Article 214** of the **Constitution**.

The **Chief Justice of India** (CJI) is the head of the **Indian judiciary** and the **Supreme Court**.

The **Ministry of External Affairs** (MEA) is the government agency responsible for the conduct of **foreign relations** of India.

Judicial review is the power of the judiciary to examine the **constitutionality** of legislative enactments and executive orders.

Indian missions abroad provide various services including **passport issuance, visa processing, and consular assistance** to Indian citizens.

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