

Need to restart Passport Seva Kendra at Kottayam ? laid

SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN (KOTTAYAM): The functioning of Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) Kottayam was suspended temporarily on February 16, 2023 due to technical and functional reasons. On writing to the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs about it, I was informed that the building in which the PSK was being run was not in conformity with the safety standards. The appointments of applicants for PSK Kottayam have been diverted to PSK Allapuzha (47 kms), PSK Aluva (77 kms) and PSK Tripunithura (54 kms). It is causing great inconvenience to the applicants especially from district Kottayam. The Hon'ble Minister had given the assurance that the RPO Cochin and service provider are looking for an alternate location for the PSK Kottayam. However, even after around five months, there is no clarity on alternate location for the PSK yet. Through this submission, I would, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister to consider making the arrangements for restarting PSK at Kottayam at the earliest by speeding up the process so that inconvenience caused to the applicants can be avoided.

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