

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any assessment of the Passport Seva Kendras so far opened in the country has been made;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the period by which rest of the Passport Seva Kendras are likely to be opened and the locations thereof ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) has been opened in the country so far.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The launch of the pilot project is expected to be at seven sites under the jurisdiction of RPO,Bangalore and RPO Chandigarh, after satisfactory testing of the application software. After successful pilot phase and its certification, seventy more PSKs will be established throughout the country in three waves. A list of the 77 planned PSKs is annexed.