

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:683
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2010
TRIAL RUN OF PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS
Thamaraiselvan Shri R.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any trial run of the Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in any part of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the PSKs and the outcome of the trial run;
- (c) whether the existing Passport Offices will be closed for the public after all the PSKs become fully functional in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

- (a) & (b) Yes. The Government has conducted trial runs and launched the Pilot Project at four Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) in Karnataka. PSKs have been functioning satisfactorily.
- (c) No.
- (d) Does not arise.