

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PASSPORT FACILITATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

the time by which the new Passport Facilitation Centres are likely to be set up in the country particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu?

Answer

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

Government has embarked on the Passport Seva Project (PSP) to comprehensively transform Passport Service Delivery under the network of existing Passport Offices. Under the Project's existing scope, 77 Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) are going to be established across the country including 9 PSKs in the State of Tamil Nadu. The application software of the PSP is under the process of development. After successful implementation of the PSP at 7 pilot locations under the jurisdiction of RPO, Bengaluru and RPO, Chandigarh and the certification of the software by the Third Party Audit Agency, the remaining 70 PSKs would be established across the country including the PSKs in the State of Tamil Nadu.