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Title: Need to open a Mini Passport Seva Kendra at Karimnagar in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): I would like to draw the attention of the Government regarding the dire need to inaugurate a Mini Passport Seva Kendra at Karimnagar town in Andhra Pradesh.

In this regard, I would like to state that the then Hon'ble Union Minister for External Affairs was pleased to set up a Mini Passport Seva Kendra at Karimnagar town in the month of January 2011, after taking into consideration the difficulties being faced by Karimnagar Constituency people to get passport. After tedious and delayed process, the officials of the Ministry of External Affairs have selected building of e-Seva centre at Karimnagar to establish a Mini Passport Seva Kendra at Karimnagar and sanctioned an amount of Rs.18.00 lakh to carry out refurbishing work. In the month of April 2013, the officials of Municipal Corporation Karimnagar, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh sent a note that refurbishing work will be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 and asked to take over the building by April, 2013. In response to that, I have requested the Hon'ble Minister to fix a date to open Mini Passport Seva Kendra, Karimnagar by the end of June, 2013. But till today the opening of Mini Passport Seva Kendra at Karimnagar could not take place due to the reasons not known to the undersigned. In this regard, I submit that the people of Karimnagar and its adjacent districts are very eager to avail the services of Mini Passport Seva Kendra at Karimnagar.

Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs, to kindly open the Mini Passport Seva Kendra at Karimnagar without any further delay.