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Title: Need to set up a Passport Seva Kendra in Palakkad district, Kerala.

SHRI P.K. BIJU (ALATHUR): The new Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) in Kerala under the Passport Seva Project of the Ministry of External Affairs will begin functioning soon. The PSKs in the State would function under the four Regional Passport Offices (RPO) at Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam, Malappuram and Kozhikode. The number and places where these Pass Seva Kendras would function in the State are – two at Thiruvananthapuram and one each at Neyyatinkara, Kollam, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Alwaye, Thirssur, Ernakulam, Malappuram, Vedakara, Kannur and Payyanur. But Palakkad district of which some parts of the district are coming under my constituency has not been considered for setting up of Passport Kendra. The district is predominantly rural and has a sizable NRI population. I urge upon the Government to set up one Passport Seva Kendra in Palakkad district.