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Title Need to set up a Mini Passport Seva Kendra in Karimnagar, Andhra Pradesh.

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

In this regard, I would like to state that in the year 2010, consequent upon my meeting with the then Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs, he was kind enough and promised to establish PSK in Karimnagar by shifting one of the three PSKs earmarked to be set up in Hyderabad. Later, the Hon'ble Minister has stated that since the number and locations of the PSKs were approved by the Union Cabinet, the location of any PSK in Andhra Pradesh cannot be altered. It was later decided to set up a Mini Processing Centre in Karimnagar. Later, the officials of Ministry of External Affairs visited Karimnagar and finalised the rented building for this purpose and also sanctioned necessary funds for carrying out refurbishing work (civil & electrical) in H.No.5-2-56, situated at Fatehpura, Karimnagar and also sanctioned the rent amount for a period of three years. The works were carried out by the Municipal Corporation of Karimnagar recently, i.e. 15th April, 2013 within the time frame specified for it. Now, it is time to take over the building by the External Affairs Ministry to start the operations. I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs to take over the building in Karimnagar and to open the Mini Passport Seva Kendra to cater to the needs of the people of my Constituency and adjoining districts without any further delay.