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Title: Need to set up a Passport Seva Kendra at Pathanamthitta in Kerala.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): I request the Government to kindly set up a Passport Seva Kendra in my Parliamentary Constituency, Pathanamthitta. Pathanamthitta Parliamentary Constituency covers the entire district of Pathanamthitta. Pathanamthitta is one of the districts having the largest population of the Non-Resident Indians. The Government decided to start Passport Seva Kendras in 2006 and it was approved by the Cabinet in 2007. Thereafter, the Government established Passport Seva Kendras across the country. However, the Government has not granted Passport Seva Kendra in Pathanamthittaa district. I have been raising this issue from time to time. The Standing Committee on External Affairs of the 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha recommended to the Government for setting up of a Passport Seva Kendra in Pathanamthita. Therefore, I request the Government to take suitable step in this regard.