

spirit, of the solemn commitment given by the leaders of Pakistan, at the highest level, of not allowing territory under Pakistan's control to be used for any terrorist activity directed against India, would be the biggest confidence building measure. Foreign Minister of Pakistan said that Pakistan was committed to fighting and eliminating the forces of terrorism operating within Pakistan.

Permanent membership of UNSC

3238. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Britain and France have voiced their support for India's case for a permanent membership of the United National Security Council (UNSC) and favoured deepening of bilateral ties between them;

(b) whether this happened during the bilateral meeting the British Prime Minister and French President had with the Indian Prime Minister ahead of the G-20 Summit;

(c) if so, the other points discussed in the meeting;

(d) to what extent both UK and France support India in securing the UN seat; and

(e) the steps Government has taken to convince other countries in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) to (d) Britain and France have articulated their support for a permanent seat for India in an expanded United Nation Security Council (UNSC) on several occasions. Their support was reiterated during separate bilateral meetings that the French President and the British Prime Minister had with our Prime Minister on June 26, 2010 on the sidelines of G-20 meeting. Regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest and deepening of bilateral ties were discussed in the meetings.

(e) India actively continues its efforts for expansion of the UN Security Council and becoming a permanent member. To this end, India remains engaged bilaterally with other UN Member States as well as within the G-4 (India, Brazil, Germany and Japan). In inter-governmental negotiations in the United Nations General Assembly, India, along with like-minded countries, has called for expansion of the Security Council in both permanent and non-permanent categories.

Hindus desirous of settling in India

†3239. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty lakh Hindus from Pakistan want to come and settle in India;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any such proposal;

(c) whether Government is making any plan in this regard; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) No.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Passport applications in Tamil Nadu

3240. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications for passport-related services in Tamil Nadu over the last three years and the details thereof;

(b) whether the number of passport-related services have increased in this duration, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering introducing passport Seva Kendra in the cities of Madurai and Tirunelveli;

(d) the services that would be provided at these Passport Seva Kendras, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the Passport Seva Kendra would be open for the public?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) A Statement is enclosed (See below).

(b) No. Applications for passport-related services increased in 2008 over 2007, but declined in 2009 to below 2007 level.

(c) Yes.

(d) All passport services such as submission of fresh and reissue passport applications, miscellaneous services on passport and Police Clearance Certificate will be provided in the Passport Seva Kendras.

(e) The Passport Seva Kendras at Madurai and Tirunelveli are expected to be opened during the current financial year, 2010-11.

Statement

*Details of applications for passport related services in Tamil Nadu
over the last three years*

Sl. No	Name of RPO/PO	Number of applications received	Number of passports issued	Number of miscellaneous applications received	Miscellaneous services rendered	Passports issued under Tatkaal scheme
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2007						
1.	Chennai	299488	305238	40725	40191	66670