

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the issue raised by hon. Member, Shri K. Vanlalvena: Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala) and Shri Niranjan Bishi (Odisha).

**Demand to open a Passport Seva Kendra in Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu**

SHRI R. DHARMAR (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, the Ministry of External Affairs and the Department of Posts have decided to utilize the Head Post Offices in various States as Post Office Seva Kendra for delivering Passport-related services to the citizens of the country. The Government intends to open POPSK in the HPO in the country in such a manner that there is a Passport Seva Kendra available within a radius of 50 kms of every HPO.

In recent years, the Ministry has made many quantitative and qualitative improvements in the delivery of Passport services in the country. With implementation of the Passport Seva Project in partnership with its service provider M/s TCS, the Ministry has been providing quality service to the people from the Passport Seva Kendra established with the best in class amenities across the country on PPP mode.

The people of Ramanathapuram district, Tamil Nadu, have to travel Madurai or Tiruchy or Coimbatore for Passport services as there is no Passport Seva Kendra in Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu. Hence, I request the hon. Minister of External Affairs to open a Passport Seva Kendra in Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the issue raised by hon. Member, Shri R. Dharmar: Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu), Shri Haris Beeran (Kerala), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri S. Selvaganabathy (Tamil Nadu), Shri Niranjan Bishi (Odisha), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu) and Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu).

**श्री उपसभापति:** धन्यवाद, माननीय धरमार जी। माननीय डा. भीम सिंह जी- Demand to change the timings of currently operating Train No. 12529 from Patliputra to Lucknow.