

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3877  
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SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Labour Ministry has sent a proposal to his Ministry of issuing social security cards as reported in Indian Express dated 4.3.2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether his Ministry are facing opposition from Finance Ministry and Election Commission for its multi purpose identity cards;
- (d) if so, rationale behind issuing different types of identity cards by different agencies of the Government; and
- (e) the final decision likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Labour Ministry had proposed the linkage of unique National Social Security Number (NSSN) under Employees` Provident Fund Organization with the Multipurpose National Identity Card scheme of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): In view of (c) above, does not arise.
- (e): The Government of India has decided to undertake a Pilot Project on Multipurpose National Identity Card scheme in a few selected sub-districts of various districts of 13 States/Union Territories. Financial approval for implementing this project has been obtained from the Finance Ministry.