

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1091

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PAN CARDS

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have taken a decision to issue PAN (Permanent Account Number) cards on - line from August, 2000;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of applications for issue PAN cards already pending with the Income-tax Department as on 30 June, 2000 and since when pending;
- (d) the reasons for delay in issue of PAN cards to these applicants; and
- (e) the time by which the PAN cards are likely to be issued to all these applicants?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a & b): The system of on - line allotment of Permanent Account Number (PAN) is already functional from all the PCs on network, at Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai. On - line allotment of PAN has started in 28 other computer centres all over India on a limited scale, from the PCs which are on network. The PAN cards are not issued on - line.

c) As on 30.6.2000 out of 1,92,14,790 applications received for allotment of Permanent Account Number, 1,71,57,581 Permanent Account Numbers have been allotted. The year wise status of receipt of applications and allotment of Permanent Account Number is placed below in Annexure.

d) The delay in allotment of PAN Card is mainly due to incomplete information given in the application forms submitted by the applicants. This necessitates issue of deficiency letters. In all such cases, further action can be taken by the Department only after deficiencies are removed by the taxpayers. Receipt of applications for allotment of PAN is also an on-going process.

e) The work of allotment of Permanent Account Number is in full swing and all out efforts are being made for expeditious allotment of PAN to the applicants. Wide publicity is also being given on the subject by the Department requesting the applicants to reply to the deficiency letters sent to them by the Department.

Annexure to Reply to Lok Sabha Question No.1091 for Reply on 28.7.2000 Year wise Status of Applications received and PAN allotment

No. of applications received    No. of PAN allotted

1995-96	992,447	519,130	
1996-97	830,062	671,652	
1997-98	885,076	742,666	
1998-99	14,623,988	9,541,669	
1999-2000	1,566,577	5,066,981	
2000-2001 (upto 30.6.2000)	316,640	615,483	

TOTAL    19,214,790    17,157,581