

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1509  
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MULTIPLE PAN CARD HOLDERS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether a large number of persons in the country have managed to obtain more than one PAN card ;
- (b) If so, the number of persons having more than one PAN card in the country ;
- (c) The action taken against them; and
- (d) The number of persons so far surrendered/deposited such cards?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Income-tax department through an automated process has identified the likely duplicate Permanent Account Numbers. The number of such persons who are likely to have more than one PANs is 13,10,127.

(c) & (d) Likely duplicate PANs are being communicated to respective PAN holders advising them to use an identified PAN out of the likely duplicates. After considering their replies, if any, the duplicate PANs will be de-activated. Letters to 710617 PAN holders have been issued till 31.10.2006.