

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SMART CARD TO THE POOR
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to issue Smart Card for giving financial benefits to rural and urban poor; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a)and(b)The Government has announced in the Budget 2008-09 that on a pilot basis, the State of Haryana and the Union Territory of Chandigarh will introduce a smart card based delivery system to deliver food grains under Public Distribution System.