

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3108  
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ID CARDS TO COASTAL VILLAGERS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is preparing the lists of coastal villagers from the point of view of security;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide National Identity Cards to coastal villagers;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) to (d): The Government has decided to create a National Population Register (NPR) in the country along with Houselisting and Housing Census 2010. For the NPR, details on specific characteristics of each individual shall be collected along with photographs and finger biometrics of all those who are 15 years of age and above.

As one of the measure to strengthen coastal security, creation of NPR for the 3331 coastal villages in 9 Maritime States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal and 4 Union Territories (UTs) of Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry has been undertaken during 2009-10. The lists of coastal villages have been finalized in consultation with the respective States/UTs. The scheme also envisages identity cards to be given to all the usual residents of these villages who are 18 years of age and above. The field work of direct data collection is in progress and biographic details of more than 89 lakh persons and biometric details of more than 35 lakh have been collected.