

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ISSUANCE OF MULTI PURPOSE IDENTITY CARD

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to issue Multi-purpose National Identity Card/Unique Identity Card to all the citizens of the country including people living in coastal areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total funds granted/utilised in this regard;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check misutilisation of the funds; and
- (e) the time by which such cards are likely to be provided to all the citizens of the country including people living in coastal areas?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Government has decided to create a National Population Register (NPR) in the country by collecting information on specific characteristics of each 'usual resident' alongwith Census 2011. The field work of biographic data collection in the country has been completed. The NPR would also have photographs, 10 finger prints and IRIS of all 'usual resident' who are age 15 years and above. The IRIS would also be collected for persons of 5 to 15 years of age. The NPR database would be sent to Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) for de-duplication and issue of Unique ID Numbers.

The Cabinet has approved the scheme of creation of NPR for the country and for the coastal areas at an estimated cost of 3539.24 crore and 216.31 crore, respectively. Till March, 2010 116.24 crore have been spent. States/ UTs have been provided an on- account advances of 484.45 crore for incurring expenditure for the scheme.

As one of the measures to strengthen coastal security, creation of National Population Register (NPR) for the 3331 coastal villages in all the 9 Maritime States, namely, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal and 4 Union Territories (UTs), namely, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Pudducherry had been undertaken ahead of creation NPR in the country. The identity (smart) cards would be issued to the 'usual residents' of these villages who are of age 18 years and above. As on date, the biographic details of more than 120 lakh persons and biometric details of more than 66 lakh persons have been collected. Printing of Local Register of Usual Residents (LRUR) has been completed for the Coastal Villages in the States/ UTs of Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Lakshadweep and Daman & Diu. Steps have been initiated for production and personalization of identity (smart) cards for these areas.