

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:600  
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ARTISAN PHOTO IDENTITY CARD PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the progress of the scheme to provide photo identity cards to the artisans and craftsmen under artisan Photo Identity Card Project is very slow particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of cards issued so far, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any corrective steps to provide the identity cards immediately; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. 13,19,812 Numbers of ID Cards through out the country have been issued so far which include 21,171 ID Cards issued to the artisans in the State of Maharashtra. State wise Number of ID Cards issued to artisans till date is as per Annexure attached.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.