

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1127
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2011
MULTIPLE PAN CARDS
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is gap between the number of Permanent Account Number (PAN) card holders and the tax returns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to weed out multiple PAN cards and ensure tax compliance;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b)

No. of PAN card holders

As on 31.3.2009 8,09,21,993
As on 31.3.2010 9,59,26,877
As on 31.3.2011 12,10,45,706

No. of Returns Filed during the Financial Year

FY 2008-09 3,38,69,567
FY 2009-10 3,27,36,625
FY 2010-11 3,47,75,956

(c) Yes.

(d) The department has identified the multiple PANs belonging to the same person through an automated Computer System of the Department. Till date 11,69,238 multiple PANs have been detected and deleted.

(e) Not applicable.