

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5017
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ISSUE OF BIOMETRIC PAN CARDS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether issuance of biometric Permanent Account Number (PAN) cards is put on hold by the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by when the biometric PAN cards are likely to be issued?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The Government of India has set up an Authority to issue the Unique Identification Number (UID) to persons residing in India based on their biometric features. This exercise would help the department in cleaning up the PAN data base by linking the UID Number with PAN.
- (c) Does not arise, in view of the above.