

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2750
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RESIDENT IDENTITY CARDS
Jindal Shri Naveen

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds allocated, released and utilised under the Resident Identity Cards (RIC) Scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the total number of such cards issued during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has finalised and cleared the extension of RIC Scheme to the entire country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposals for utilising the RIC platform for delivering various services; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a): The Government has approved the scheme of creation of National Population Register(NPR) of all usual residents in 3331 coastal villages in 13 maritime States/ Union Territories as one of the measures for strengthening coastal security in the country and issuance of Resident Identity (Smart) Cards (RICs) to usual resident of age 18 years and above in these villages at an estimated cost of ` 216.31 crores. The Government subsequently, in March, 2010 approved the scheme of creation of NPR in the entire country at an estimated cost of ` 6649.05 crores. Details of total fund allocation, released and utilised under the NPR scheme during the past three years including current financial year are at Annex-1.

(b) As on date more than 42 lakh RICs under the scheme of coastal NPR has been personalized and produced. State wise details are at Annex-2.

(c) & (d): Financial proposals for RICs to all usual residents who are of age 18 years and above under the scheme of NPR has been appraised by the Expenditure Finance Committee.

(e) to (f): There is a proposal to print the Aadhaar numbers on the RICs. A Technical Committee has recommended that the RICs may be used by various domain Departments/ Ministries for identifying the beneficiaries for delivery of various services.