

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2852  
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QUESTION ARTISAN CREDIT CARD  
Ajay Kumar SHRI

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Artisan Credit Card Scheme is still run by the Central Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of credit cards disbursed by the Government during the last three years;
- (d) the total credit advances made to artisans under the said scheme during the above period; and
- (e) whether the scheme has been discontinued and if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (e): As reported by the Development Commissioner, Handicrafts (Ministry of Textiles) a total of 1,07,522 Artisan Credit Cards were issued under the scheme during the last three years as on 31.03.2012. An amount of Rs. 158.03 crore as credit has been sanctioned in the aforesaid period. The scheme has not been discontinued.