

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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ATM CARDS TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide ATM cards to small and marginal farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the time by which it is likely to be done; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The revised Kisan Credit Card(KCC) Scheme, issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in 2012, inter alia, provides that the drawing limit for the current season/year could be allowed to be drawn using different delivery channels including through ATM/debit cards. The Government has advised Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and NABARD to ensure that ATM enabled cards to KCC holders are issued by June, 2013.