

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ESIC AND PF SLIPS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to ensure that all employees are provided with Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and Provident Fund (PF) slips bio-metric Pehchaan Cards in the country including Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of initiatives and awareness campaigns initiated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

(a) & (b): The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) issues one set of two bio-metric 'Pehchan Cards' to the Insured Persons (IPs) covered under the ESI Scheme. One card is for use of Insured Person and other for use by his/her family. The process of issue of bio-metric 'Pehchan Cards' is an ongoing process and till the month of July, 2013 about 105.60 lakhs bio-metric cards have been issued all over the country including the State of Odisha.

Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) does not issue any bio-metric "Pehchan Cards".

(c): In order to generate awareness among the beneficiaries, ESIC has been organizing Media Campaign through print as well as electronic media throughout the country on issuance of 'Pehchan Card'.