

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3922
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IDENTITY CARDS TO NOMADIC TRIBES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government does not provide identity cards to those persons who don't have their own houses/permanent dwelling units particularly, the nomadic tribals and forest dwellers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the rules for providing identity cards to these people?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (b): No, Madam. At present there is no scheme to provide Identity Cards. The Government is considering issue of Resident Identity (smart) Cards (RICs) to all the usual residents of age 18 years and above in the country under the scheme of National Population Register (NPR). The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has recommended the proposal and is currently under the consideration of a Group of Ministers (GoM). A final decision on the matter has not been taken.