

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3431
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PAN CARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of PAN card holders;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to use the PAN card at large scale and make it mandatory for every person; and
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done and the strategy formulated in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) As on 25.07.2014, total number of allotment of PAN is 20,95,62,964.

(b)&(c) Requirement for PAN is governed by provisions of section 139A of Income-tax Act, 1961 read with rule 114B of Income-tax Rules, 1962. The person has to apply for a PAN as per the requirements of law.