

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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BIO METRIC CARDS UNDER ESIC  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) to issue bio-metric cards to industrial workers to ensure proper availability of benefits to such workers; and

(b) if so, the number and details of such cards issued to industrial workers in the country so far State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL, MINES, LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a): The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) issues two bio-metric Pehchan Cards under the IT Project "Panchdeep" to the Insured Persons (IPs) covered under the ESI Scheme. One card is for use of the Insured Person and other for use by his family. The card has a unique ten-digit Insurance Number, name, date of birth, address and photograph of Insured Person and his family. The bio-metric card is used to access the central database containing all the data with family details, medical history of Insured Person (IP) and his family to ensure proper availability of benefits to Industrial workers.

(b): State/UT-wise details of number of Pehchan Cards issued to Industrial Workers is annexed.