

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1434
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IDENTITY CARDS FOR INHABITANTS OF A N ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number Islanders of Andaman and Nicobar Islands yet to get the Islander identity cards; and
- (b) the time by which such cards are likely to be provided to all the Islanders along with the plan of action in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHABI CHAUDHARY)

(a): There are 53,722 Islanders who are yet to get the Islanders identity cards in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Details are given as under:

Districts	Left out above 15 years of age	Left out below 15 years of age	Total left out (0-14)
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North & Middle Andaman	13082	9210	22292
South Andaman	12476	11714	24190
Nicobar	3575	3665	7240
Total	29,133	24,589	53,722

(b): The Union Territory (UT) of Andaman and Nicobar Administration has intimated that it is a continuous process. Every year around 8000 children are becoming eligible for photography on attaining 15 years of age. Enumeration of all inhabitants were taken in the year 2002, hence youngest children enrolled in the list will become eligible for photography in the year 2017. Permanent arrangements for the photography & issuance of Islanders identity Cards have already been made in all the nine Tehsil offices of A&N Islands for coverage of all the leftouts. Special camps are also conducted for photography and issuance of Identity cards after giving wide publicity in the media.