

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ATM CARDS TO SMALL AND MARGINAL FARMERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide ATM cards to small and marginal farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the time by which it is likely to be done; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c) The revised Guidelines for Kisan Credit Card(KCC) specify that all KCC holders, including small and marginal farmers, should have the facility of withdrawal through ATM/ Debit Card. The ATM/Debit cards to be inter-operable allow the farmers to operate the Card at any ATM/Hand Held device in the country. The status of the Rupay KCC issued by the banks as on 11.11.2014 are as given below :-

S.No	Banks	No. of Rupay KCCs issued
	Commercial banks	56,17,162
	Regional Rural Banks	9,66,468
	Cooperative Banks	85,764
	Total	66,69,394

Source: NPCI