

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ISSUE OF IDENTITY CARDS TO RESIDENTS OF INDO-PAK BORDER

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to issue identity cards to all the residents within the five kilometers stretch of the Indo-Pak border in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such cards would also be issued to other residents in border areas in other States where infiltration across the border has been reporting;
- (d) if so, the time by which the work of issuing cards is likely to be started; and
- (e) the extent to which the existing measures are sufficient to prevent infiltration across the border?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): As a part of J&K Action Plan the State Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir has been advised to issue photo identity cards to all male habitants in the age group of 16 to 60 years living within 25 Kms of the Line of Control/International Border.

(c)&(d): A proposal for compulsory registration of all citizens in the country and issuing them Multi-purpose National Identity Cards (MNICs) under consideration for which a private consultancy firm has been entrusted to work out the feasibility aspect of this scheme.

(f) : The Government have recently taken a decision for adopting a multi-modal approach for erecting an obstacle system on the International Border in Jammu Sector to check infiltration and smuggling of weapons/explosives etc. Some of the other steps taken to prevent infiltration include strengthening border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, close surveillance of the border by intensive patrolling, conduct of special operations, Nakas and ambushes, provision of specialised equipments like night vision devices etc.