

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SMART CARDS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating to issue Smart Cards to the people of the North Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these cards are likely to be issued to them?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a)to(c): A Pilot Project on Multi-purpose National Identity Card Scheme has been initiated in April, 2003 in a few selected sub-districts in selected districts of 13 States and Union Territories including Assam & Tripura. The Pilot Project is expected to be completed within one year. The main scheme in the entire country will be implemented after taking into account experiences and lessons drawn from the Pilot Project.