

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MULTIPURPOSE I. CARDS FOR INDIAN CITIZENS IN BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Multipurpose Identity Cards are proposed to be given to the Indian Citizens residing in Indian Enclaves in Bangladesh territory; and

(b) if so, by when and the reasons for not providing this facility to Indian citizens in Indian Enclaves of neighbouring countries?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): At present, Government have undertaken only a Pilot Project on Multipurpose National Identity Card (MNIC) scheme in a few sub-districts in various districts of 13 States and Union Territories namely, Jammu & Kashmir, Gujarat, Uttaranchal, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Tripura, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Delhi. The main scheme for covering all Indian citizens will be launched after taking into account the experiences/lessons drawn from the Pilot Project.