

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2310
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ISSUING OF IDENTITY CARDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the postal department is issuing identity cards to the residents of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the facility is available in all the post offices in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which this facility is likely to be available in all the post offices of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) Identity Cards are issued on request to tourists and residents for the limited purpose of establishment of their identity in connection with postal transactions only.
- (b) A system of identity cards has been introduced by the Post Office for the benefits of tourists, traveling representatives of firms and other members of the public who experience difficulty in establishing their identity in connection with postal transactions, e.g., receipt of registered and insure articles and payment of money orders in the post town through which they pass. These cards will be obtainable at any Head Post Office by literate persons whose identity is well established in the locality in which they reside or who can be vouched for by substantial permanent residents known to the postmaster. Identity Cards serve as a valuable corroborative evidence in establishing the identity of the presenter in connection with postal transactions.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) This facility is available at Head Post Offices only and requests are accepted at Sub Post Offices also and forwarded for necessary action to the Head Post Offices.
- (e) & (f) Issuing of identity cards by all the post offices in the country is subject to the availability of required establishment as well as infrastructure and demand from the postal users.