

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3416  
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PENDING PAN APPLICATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a number of Permanent Account Number (PAN) applications are pending for a long time;
- (b) if so, the year-wise details of pendency;
- (c) the reasons for Government's inaction; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government to expedite the matter?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b) In total 1,74,857 PAN applications were pending as on 30.11.2006. Their break-up are as under:

Financial Year	Number of pending applications
2003-04	29,018
2004-05	19,222
2005-06	26,519
2006-07	1,00,098
(till 30.11.2006)	

Total 1,74,857

(c) PAN is normally issued within 15 days in a case where complete application is received. Old pendency is because of incomplete and defective applications which have not been rectified by the applicants;

(d) In order to rectify the deficiencies in the PAN applications, following measures have been taken:

- (i) The PAN service providers inform applicants to rectify the defects;
- (ii) The status of applications is displayed by the service providers on their website.
- (iii) A call centre has been set up about the status of PAN applications.