

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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PAN CARDS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Income Tax has recently issued an ultimatum to those holding more than one PAN Card and to surrender the same by February 23, 2007;
- (b) if so, the number of such PAN cards received back by the department;
- (c) whether the Government has used Biometric technology to overcome the menace of duplicate cards;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for delay in implementing the said technology?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Income Tax Department held a de-duplication fortnight for PAN from 12.2.2007 to 23.2.2007 and had requested PAN holders to surrender their duplicate PAN(s).
- (b) 657174 duplicate PAN cards have been deleted/de-activated from the PAN database.
- (c), (d) & (e) Income Tax Department is examining various options of capturing and using biometric information of PAN holder so as to overcome the menace of duplicate PAN cards.