GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2278
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST, 2017

**BIO-METRIC CARDS TO FARMERS AND FISHERMEN**

2278. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is implementing a scheme to provide bio-metric cards to the farmers and fishermen if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the agencies involved in issuance and distribution of these cards?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) and (b) : The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare in association with the Coastal State Governments and Union Territories(UTs) is implementing a scheme on issuance on Bio-metric Identity cards to marine fishermen. A total of 18,20,859 marine fishers have been issued the bio-metric cards so far. Besides the Coastal State Governments/UTs, a consortium of Central Pubic Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) led by the Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bangalore with other two member namely (i) Indian Telephone Industries Limited (ITI), Palakkad and (ii) Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), Hyderabad have been involved in issuance of the bio-metric ID cards to marine fishers.

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