

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 691  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2016

**BIO-METRIC CARDS TO FISHERMEN**

691. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has formulated a scheme to provide bio-metric cards to the fishermen of various States of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the benefits accrued to the said fishermen by implementing the scheme?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE**

**(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)**

(a): Yes Madam. The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme (CSS) on Issuance of Biometric Identity Cards to marine fishers. The scheme has the following components:

- (i) Assistance to the Coastal States/UTs for data collection and authentication
- (ii) Personalization and Production of Biometric Identity Cards
- (iii) Key Management System
- (iv) Establishment of Central Server
- (v) Continuation of support to the project

(b): A total of 20,93,922 marine fishers have been proposed by the Coastal State Governments and Union Territories for issuance of Biometric Identity Cards, of which biometric enrolment has been completed in respect of 15,48,604 fishers. Out of these, so far, a total of 13,90,618 Biometric Identity Cards have been generated and 13,80,844 Biometric Identity Cards have been dispatched to the Coastal State Governments and Union Territories for distribution to the marine fishers. The State/UT-wise details in this regard are annexed.

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Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 691 put in by Shrimati Jayshreeben Patel, Member of Parliament for answer on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 regarding Bio-Metric Cards to Fishermen: State-wise details of progress on issuance of Biometric Identity Cards to Marine Fishers

(figures in numbers)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Projected Marine Fishers	Biometric Enrolment	Data finalized for Card Production	Quantity of card produced	Quantity of card Dispatched
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(v)	(vii)	(viii)	(ix)
1	Tamil Nadu	3,40,269	2,04,258	1,58,778	1,58,650	1,58,650
2	Puducherry	35,578	29,959	28,096	27,991	27,991
3	Karnataka	95,410	70,903	68,097	67,183	67,183
4	Gujarat	1,50,015	1,41,144	1,33,885	1,33,173	1,33,173
5	Daman & Diu	8,183	6,727	5,465	5,400	5,400
6	West Bengal	2,88,353	1,78,805	1,71,290	1,71,290	1,70,836
7	Kerala	2,65,957	2,01,649	1,74,158	1,74,158	1,73,886
8	Lakshadweep	14,304	11,013	10,508	10,507	10,120
9	Maharashtra	2,18,299	1,55,153	1,46,635	1,42,519	1,42,519
10	Goa	19,676	10,131	9,286	9,280	9,182
11	Andhra Pradesh	2,94,072	2,24,678	2,07,364	2,07,042	2,05,664
12	Orissa	3,42,289	2,98,558	2,62,113	2,62,091	2,61,338
13	Andaman & Nicobar	21,517	15,626	14,943	14,931	14,902
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,93,922</b>	<b>15,48,604</b>	<b>13,90,618</b>	<b>13,84,215</b>	<b>13,80,844</b>

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