

National Identity Card Scheme

244. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a National Identity Card Scheme;

(b) whether any feasibility study has been made in that regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) M/s Tata Consultancy Services have been entrusted with the task of preparation of feasibility report regarding Multipurpose National Identity Cards scheme in the country. An Advisory Committee, comprising of senior officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs and other concerned Central agencies has been constituted to interact, from time to time, with M/s Tata Consultancy Services during the period of preparation of feasibility report.

Talks With ABSU

245. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there have been any talks between the central Government and ABSU to solve the Bodoland tangle;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) whether it is proposed to continue the talks for an early solution of the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Tripartite Talks have been held in September 1987, May 1998 and November 1998 between Central Government, Government of Assam and Bodo Groups including All Bodo Students Union to solve the Bodo problem. The issues have not been resolved although the meetings took place in a cordial atmosphere.

(c) Yes, Sir