

**Allotment of PAN**

243. **SHRI K.M. KHAN:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications that have been received for the allotment of Permanent Account Number (PAN) along with the returns submitted by the assesseees during the assessment years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, year-wise;

(b) the number of Permanent Account Numbers (PAN) issued during the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) what steps have been taken to do away the inconvenience being caused due to inordinate delay in allotment of PAN?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEEN. RAMACHANDRAN):** (a) As against 2,17,72,560 applications received for allotment of Permanent Account Number, 2,13,56,770 applications have been processed upto 30th September, 2001 and 1,99,95,659 Permanent Account Numbers have been allotted.

(b) In the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 PAN numbers were issued as follows:

<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>
5,066,981	2,300,218.

(c) Online allotment of PAN has been started all over the country and instructions have been issued to allot PAN immediately in all the pending non deficiency cases. All out efforts are being made for expeditious allotment of PAN and issue of PAN cards to the applicants.

**Mohan Nagar Karamchari Sahkari Awas Samiti**

244. **SHRI ANIL SHARMA**

**SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:**

**SHRI SUKHDEV SINGHLIBRA:**

**SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question No. 420 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st August, 2001 and state: