

Issue of identity cards to the coastal villagers

227. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plan for issue of identity cards to the inhabitants of coastal villages of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the project is likely to be implemented in view of real threat to the country from sea route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As one of the measures to strengthen coastal security, creation of National Population Register (NPR) for the 3331 coastal villages in all the 9 Maritime States, namely, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal and 4 Union Territories (UTs), namely, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Pudducherry had been undertaken ahead of creation of NPR in the country. Identity (smart) cards would be issued to the 'usual residents' of these villages who are of age 18 years and above in these villages/towns. The data has been collected directly on the laptop in these areas. As on date, the biographic details of more than 120 lakh persons and biometric details of more than 70 lakh persons have been collected. The draft Local Register of Usual Residents (LRUR) has been displayed in the local areas for inviting claims/objections. Design of identity (smart) card has been finalized and steps have been initiated for production and personalization of identity (smart) cards for these areas.

Infiltrators from Bangladesh in West Bengal

†228. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any estimate on the total number of infiltrators coming to West Bengal after violating the Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, the names of districts in West Bengal with number of Bangladeshi nationals living illegally there over the last three years; and

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