Government is considering a proposal for compulsory registration of all citizens and non-citizens residing in India and for issue of Multipurpose National Identity Cards to the citizens. A feasibility study has also been conducted by a professional consultancy firm in this regard. However, no final decision has been taken in the matter so far.

This information was given by Shri Ch. Vidyasagar Rao, Minister of State for Home Affairs in reply to a written question in the Lok Sabha today.

To another question the Minister said the Government is aware of the problem of foreign nationals residing in the country beyond the validity of their visas. The State Governments regularly monitor the overstayal of foreigners after expiry of their visa. Detection and deportation of foreigners overstaying in the country is an ongoing process.

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