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Notice

The Government of India through the Office of Registrar General, India is going to implement the scheme of creation of National Population Register (NPR) in the coastal villages in 9 Maritime States and 4 Union Territories. Under the scheme, identity (smart) cards would be issued to usual residents residing in these areas. The smart card will be a 64KB SCOSTA complaint card. NIC would provide the certification for SCOSTA compliance. As the SCOSTA complaint certification is a mandatory condition, any interested vendor must obtain a SCOSTA compliant certificate from NIC. The smart card specification for the scheme of NPR and issue of identity (smart) cards in Coastal Villages would be as follows:

"Specifications of Smart Card for NPR and issue of identity (smart) cards in coastal villages"

- a) Microprocessor based IC card with contacts and with a minimum of 64KByte available E²PROM.
- b) Compliant to ISO/IEC 7816-1,2 &3
- c) Compliant to SCOSTA v1.2b dated March 15, 2002, including all addendums and errata including the latest of dated 1st July 2006 or latest version of SCOSTA-CL
- d) Supply voltage 3V nominal
- e) T=0 or T=1 transport protocol
- f) Min 10 years data retention
- g) Min 300,000 E²PROM write cycles
- h) Operating ambient temperature range -25°C to +70°C
- i) The card must be Non-initialized SCOSTA card.

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