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MINISTRY OF PLANNING

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NPR BIOMETRIC DATA AND AADHAR CARD

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(a)whether a person holding National Population Register (NPR) biometric data card is also required to enrol for Aadhar Card;

(b)if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken to avoid duplication of work and cost to the exchequer;

(c)whether all services proposed to be linked to these identification cards will be provided to all irrespective of holding any of the two cards and if so, the details thereof;

(d)the cost of each of these cards and the number of days taken to deliver these cards to the applicants after collection of their biometric data; and

(e)the percentage of population covered States-wise under these two projects and the time by which the whole population in the States especially Gujarat are likely to be covered?

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:-

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a)& (b): The biometric data captured for enrollment through National Population Register (NPR) and for Aadhaar is the same. At the time of enrolment through NPR, the resident is also enrolled for Aadhaar. Hence, a resident who has enrolled through NPR need not enroll for Aadhaar number again.

(c): Aadhaar aims to provide a soft identity infrastructure which can be used to improve delivery of public services. It is for the implementing authorities concerned with delivery of services to decide the eligibility and entitlement of individuals.

(d): The enrolment data packets are to be uploaded by the enrolment agencies within 20 days of the residents' enrolment. The residents' data packets undergo a number of validation/quality checks to ensure that the data received is correct & authentic. If no validation failure occurs, then the resident should ordinarily receive the Aadhaar letter within 90 days through India Post, our delivery partner. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) does not issue any card to the residents. It communicates the Aadhaar number as a letter. Currently, the printing cost of this letter is Rs. 2.16. The delivery is affected through India Post, which charges Rs. 20/- per Aadhaar letter. The scheme of issuance of Resident Identity (Smart) Card of the Ministry of Home Affairs is yet to be approved by the Government.

(e): As on 31.10.2012, more than 21 crore Aadhaar numbers have been generated across the country. UIDAI has been authorized to enrol 60 crore residents by 2014. To achieve this, it has implemented the Aadhaar project through a Partnership Model with various States/Union Territories Governments/Financial Institutions/India Post etc. in 18 States/UTs as per list in Annexure-I. The rest of the population will be covered for Aadhaar by Registrar General of India (RGI) under the NPR process. Percentage of State/UT-wise Aadhaar generated as on 31.10.2012 is at Annexure-II.

In Gujarat, UIDAI is partnering with the Government of Gujarat (General administration Department) as Registrar for undertaking the enrolments and development of Aadhaar enabled applications. It is for the State Registrar to take the initiative to complete the enrolment of its residents. UIDAI is constantly engaging with the State Registrar to speed up the enrolment process.