

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1270

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EMPANELLED AGENCIES BY UIDAI .

1270 . SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA

- (a) whether the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has empanelled 200 agencies to enroll citizens for Aadhar;
- (b) the criteria used to empanel such agencies;
- (c) whether the track record of the agencies and their credibility was also assured by Government before selecting them;
- (d) the standards that were used to make such assessments; and
- (e) the details of the safeguards considered to ensure that the database would not be tainted?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b): The Unique Identification Authority of India's mandate is to issue UID numbers to all the residents of the country. The proposed number would prove only identity and not citizenship. 220 Enrolment agencies have been empanelled on the basis of a number of criteria comprising, inter-alia, registration under the Indian Companies Act, 1956/the Partnership Act, 1932/the Societies Registration Act, 1860/the Indian Trust Act, 1882, net worth of at least Rs.50 lakh as of 31.03.2010, technical capability, financial capacity and non-affiliation to political parties and religion.

(c) & (d): Auditors' Certificate regarding net worth/grants-in-aid and self certification by firms that they had not been blacklisted were mandatory documents required to be submitted and were taken into account to assess the track records and credentials of the agencies.

(e): The Enrolment Agencies are required to train their enrolling personnel as per the training content and methodology prescribed by the UIDAI. Enrolment operations would be conducted as per the standard processes specified by UIDAI. Client Enrolment Software, developed for use by the enrolment agencies would ensure the integrity of the captured data. Mechanisms to ensure that the data is kept in a secure and confidential manner are required to be put in place by the enrolment agencies and would be subject to audit by UIDAI.