GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED  QUESTION NO: 3985

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AADHAAR CARD

PANKAJ CHOWDHARY

(a)whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for every citizen to get Aadhaar Card issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether the Government is considering to link the Voter Card, Driving Licence, Passport, Pancard etc.  issued to the citizens earlier with the Aadhaar Card data base also; and

(d)if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Will the Minister of PLANNINGbe pleased to state:-

ANSWER

 MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

 (a)&(b): There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government, at this stage.

(c)&(d): Various Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Central and State Governments and Union  Territory Administrations, that implement different schemes/programmes involving provision of benefits and/ or services, are encouraged to leverage Aadhaar for elimination of fakes and duplicates from the list of  beneficiaries/consumers, increasing efficiency of implementation, and achieving higher levels of transparency  in operations. In doing so, it has to be ensured that no eligible person suffers, or is denied any benefit or service, merely for the lack of an Aadhaar.