

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF PLANNING**  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2995**  
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VOLUNTEERS SERVICE FOR UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION .

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- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to give Unique Identification to every person of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Volunteers and NGOs are ready to provide their services for early completion of this project; and
- (d) if so, the time it will take for its implementation?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) to (d): The mandate of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is to issue unique identification numbers to all residents of the country.

The first set of numbers are expected to be issued between August 2010 to February 2011. The Authority plans to cover 600 million people within 4 years from the start of the project. Consultations are on with civil society organizations, activists and other groups working on the field to ensure that the programme reaches the marginalized groups. UIDAI has formulated guidelines to procure the services of volunteers with specialised skills.