

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF PLANNING**  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3274**  
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UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND CARD .

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- (a) whether Government is working to provide a Unique Identification number and cards to every citizen;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government had made any appraisal about the progress of this project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) by when the distribution of these UID would begin?

**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 mandate of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is to issue Unique Identification numbers (AADHAAR) to all residents of the country. The UIDAI will issue a number and not a card. The number will prove identity and not citizenship.

(c)&(d): The progress of the project is reviewed from time to time by the Cabinet Committee on UIDAI. Phase-I of the project comprising setting up of necessary infrastructure, finalization of standards for biometric and demographic data standards and proof of concept experiments has been completed. Phase II of the programme has commenced. 10 crore residents are expected to be enrolled into the Unique Identification programme by March 2011.

(e): The first set of UID numbers (AADHAAR) are expected to be issued between August 2010 and February 2011.