

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING
RAJYA SABHA
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[Need of Aadhaar Cards for welfare scheme](#)

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the use of Aadhaar card system is increasingly sought after much beyond the LPG subsidy reimbursement scheme to other social welfare schemes like Jan Dhan Yojana;

(b) whether the Election Commission of India has now initiated moves to embed and synchronize the Aadhaar database with that of Electoral Photo ID Card (EPIC) to minimize complaints of duplication or forgery of the electoral rolls; and

(c) whether UIDAI is still attempting to secure legal and constitutional validity through a verdict by the Supreme Court where it has been challenged under a PIL?

ANSWER

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

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) 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.

(b) In order to ensure improvement in electoral rolls, the Election Commission of India has issued instructions for the launch of a comprehensive 'National Electoral Roll Purification and Authentication Programme' (NERPAP) with a major objective, inter-alia, of linking and authentication of EPIC data of electors with Aadhaar data of UIDAI by collecting Aadhaar details from the electors.

(c) In January 2009, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) was established as an 'Attached Office' of the Planning Commission vide Notification dated 28 January 2009. A 'National Identification Authority of India' (NIDAI) Bill, 2010 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 3 December 2010. After examination of the report of the Standing Finance Committee, a Notice for introduction of official amendments was moved in the Rajya Sabha in the winter Session 2013. Presently, the Bill is pending consideration of Rajya Sabha.