

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING
RAJYA SABHA
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Status of UIDAI Bill

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether National Identification Authority Bill is pending before the Parliament ; if so, the essential features of the Bill;
- (b) whether the concept of national identification is presently in force in the country;
- (c) whether the security concerns regarding the concept were exaggerated;
- (d) the services which provided by the Central and State Government at present; and
- (e) whether the Bill is going to be taken up in the ensuing session of Parliament ?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) was established in January, 2009 with a mandate to issue Unique Identification Numbers (Aadhaar) for all residents of India. Enrolment for Aadhaar is carried out on a voluntary basis and Aadhaar acts as a proof of identity, with no associated rights or entitlements, nationality or citizenship.

The National Identification Authority of India Bill (NIDAI Bill), 2010 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 2010. A notice for introduction of Official Amendments was moved in the Rajya Sabha on 28-11-2013, subsequent to the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance. The Bill is pending consideration of Rajya Sabha, at present.

The proposed Bill seeks to establish the National Identification Authority of India for the purpose of issuing Aadhaar numbers to residents of India and to certain other categories of individuals and manner of authentication of such individuals to enable establishing identity and to facilitate access to benefits and services to such individuals to which they may be entitled.

The architecture of Aadhaar ecosystem has been designed to ensure data security, privacy, non-duplication, data integrity and other related aspects. For this purpose, a well-designed and robust data security system is in place with security as an integral part of the system from the initial design to the final stage. A multi-layer approach is adopted in providing security measures with multiple formats being used at all stages, beginning with collection of data.

Various schemes / programmes implemented by the Central / State Governments and Union Territory (UT) Administrations may leverage Aadhaar in accordance with prescribed procedures from time to time. While a comprehensive list of all such programs / schemes implemented by various agencies, is not maintained, UIDAI provides Aadhaar based authentication and e-KYC services for implementation of various schemes/programmes such as PDS, MGNREGA payments, biometric attendance system, social security pensions, etc.

