

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF PLANNING**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-4575**  
**ANSWERED ON-17.05.2012**

Independent Financial Advisor for UIDAI

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- (a) whether the Planning Commission has raised questions about the administrative structure of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and called for the appointment of an independent financial advisor to monitor its transactions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and also whether the Government has rejected Rs. 15000 crore funding proposal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and follow up action taken by Government?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
AND EARTH SCIENCES

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(a): UIDAI is an attached office of the Planning Commission. Planning Commission had taken up the matter of Finance, Department of Expenditure, to streamline processes for handling files in the Planning Commission from UIDAI as an attached office. These matters have since been resolved and processes have been streamlined existing Government procedures.

UIDAI already has an independent Financial Adviser appointed by Department of Expenditure in December.

(b): No, Sir. The Government has not rejected the funding proposal of UIDAI. The cost estimates of the entire project were brought before the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) as Phase III after preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Project. The DPR addressed the entire gamut of the Unique Identification (UID) Scheme, which includes enrolments and issuance of Aadhaar numbers extends to providing updation services, a robust authentication system, means of enhancing the service delivery of various social schemes and facilitating development of Aadhaar based applications to leverage Aadhaar. Based on the DPR, which identified the various project components and cost estimates, the cost of enrolment through the multiple registrar approach for the entire estimated population of 1.12 billion upto March 2017, an estimated project cost of INR 17,863.90 crore was brought before the EFC as Phase-III. This estimate subsumed the cost estimates of INR 3,023.01 crore of Phase-II, which was earlier approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee on UIDAI related issues (CC-UIDAI).

The EFC after deliberating the various project components recommended an overall outlay of INR 8,814.75 crore for Phase III, by restricting the Assistance to Registrars towards enrolment cost and cost of printing and delivery of Aadhaar for 20 crore residents as against the cost of enrolment and logistics sought for 1.12 billion residents. The outlay of INR 8,814.75 crore was since approved by the CC-UIDAI.

Further, the CC-UIDAI has approved an additional enrolment mandate of 40 crore residents through Registrars.

the RGI in 19 identified States/UTs. A proposal for Phase IV for INR 5061 crore to take care of the additional 40 crore is under consideration of the EFC.

(c): In view of the above, follow up action does not arise.