

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Legal authority of UIDAI

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- (a) whether the Unique Identity Authority of India (UIDAI) created by the Planning Commission has any legal authority;
- (b) if not, how it is collecting data from private persons and how its Chairman and other office bearers were selected and what parameters and/or criteria were adopted for making such selection;
- (c) its annual budget and how the money is appropriated for this organisation;
- (d) whether this organization has entered into any MoUs /contract with private entities including foreign business organisations;
- (e) if so, whether Government is aware that some of these foreign entities have or had links with intelligence agencies in some foreign countries; and
- (f) if so, the preventive action that has been taken or proposed to be taken to prevent leakage of sensitive Indian data to foreign countries?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCE
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- (a):The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has been set up by Government of India Notification No. 43011/02/2009-Admn. I dated 28th January, 2009 as an attached office of the Planning Commission and has been functioning in this capacity. A copy of the notification is annexed.
- (b):The UIDAI has been assigned the responsibility to lay down plan and policy to implement the UID scheme as per the Notification. The implementation of the scheme entails, inter-alia, the responsibilities to generate and assign UID to residents and define usage and applicability of UID for delivery of various services.
- (c): The Budget allocation for UID Project for Financial Year 2012-13 is INR 1758 crore which is under the control of the Planning Commission.
- (d):The Authority has entered into MoUs /Contracts with private entities. However, all entities with which MoUs /Contracts have been entered into are Indian entities as evidenced by certificate of incorporation from registrar of companies/partnership deed/certificate of registration/ evidence of legal status of agency.
- (e): Does not arise.
- (f): Does not arise.