

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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Unique Identification Number Scheme

1005 . SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is running Unique Identification Number Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Parliamentary Committee has recommended not to continue with this scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of total budget of the scheme funds approved and spend so far;

ANSWER

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

(Dr. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b): The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has been mandated to issue unique identification number (Aadhaar) to all the residents of India. UIDAI does not issue cards. The number is a proof of identity and not a card. UIDAI was authorized to enroll, through multiple registrars upto 200 million residents by March 2012. The enrolling 200 million residents has already been completed. The Cabinet Committee on UIDAI has given its approval for enrolment of an additional 400 million residents by UIDAI through Multiple Registrars in 18 States/UTs as per the National Identification Authority of India Bill, 2010. The residents are expected to be covered over the next 18 to 24 months. The remaining 600 million residents will be covered by Registrar General of India (RGI) under National Population Register (NPR) process.

(c) to (d): The report of the Standing Committee on Finance on the National Identification Authority of India Bill, 2010 presented by the Committee to the Lok Sabha on 13th December, 2011 and laid in the Rajya Sabha on 13th March 2012. The Committee has, inter alia, given its observations on giving number to every resident and not restricting the use of Unique Identification Scheme to citizens, reliability of technology, legislative safeguards for data protection and avoiding duplication of work with National Population Register exercise. The Committee has conveyed its unacceptance of the National Identification Authority of India Bill, 2010 in its present form and has urged the Government to re-examine and review the UID scheme as also the proposals contained in the Bill with all its ramifications and bring forth a new legislation before Parliament. The recommendations are under consideration of the Government.

(e) UID is Central Plan Scheme Project. Year wise funds allocated since inception and expenditure for the financial years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (upto January 2012) is as under:-

(Rupees in crore)

Year	BE	RE	FE	Actual expenditure
2009-10	120.00	30.92	26.38	26.21
2010-11	1900.00	960.66	273.80	268.41
2011-12	1470.00	1200.00	Not applicable	753.22(upto Jan 2012)