

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-391
ANSWERED ON-24.11.2011
Funding proposal for UID

391 . SHRI TARIQ ANWAR

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has raised question about the administrative structure of Unique Identity Authority of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Ministry of Finance has rejected the funding proposal for this project; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. UIDAI is an attached office of the Planning Commission. Planning Commission had taken up the matter with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, to streamline processes for handling files in the Planning Commission that come from UIDAI as an attached office. The Planning Commission had also pointed out that the Financial Adviser in the UIDAI had been assigned several administrative responsibilities along with her function as the Financial Adviser. It was indicated that this arrangement would take away the benefit of an independent scrutiny of proposals involving use of public funds by an arms' length Financial Adviser. These matters have been resolved and processes have been streamlined as per the existing Government procedures.

(c): No, Sir. The funding proposals for Phase I and Phase II of INR 147.31 crore and INR 3023.01 crore respectively have been approved as recommended by the Standing /Expenditure Finance Committees. The Expenditure Finance Committee has recommended INR 8,814.75 crore for Phase III, inclusive of Rs.3023.01 crore for Phase II. The proposal would be brought before the Cabinet Committee on UIDAI (CC, UIDAI) in due course.

(d): Does not arise.
