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UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION AUTHORITY

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- (a) whether Government has constituted a Unique identification Authority to issue Unique ID number to each citizen of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount allocated, spent so far on this project;
- (d) whether there is any reduction in the amount allocated for this project;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which Unique ID number will be given to all the citizens?

ANSWER

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

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(a): The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) was set up through Notification No. A-43011/02/2009-Admn.I dated 28th January, 2009 as an attached office of the Planning Commission with a mandate to issue Unique Identification (UID) numbers (Aadhaar) to all the residents of the country. The number will prove identity and not citizenship.

(b): 'Aadhaar' is a 12 digit random number. It does not contain any intelligence. A set of mandatory, conditional and optional demographic data such as name, date of birth, gender, name of parents, residential address and biometric features such as photograph, all ten finger prints and iris images will together establish and verify the identity of a resident.

(c): The total approved estimated cost of Phase-I and II of the project spread over five years from Financial Year 2009-10 to 2013-14 is Rs.3,170.32 crore. The annual budget allocation and actual expenditure for the Scheme are given below:

(Rupees in crore)

Year	Total Budget	Estimates	Total Revised	Estimates	Total Final
	Total Expenditure				Estimates
2009-10	120.00	30.92	26.38	26.21	
2010-11	1900.00			67.02 (Till January, 2011)	

(d): There has not been any reduction in the amount allocated for this project.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): Enrolments have been initiated in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal. 22,62,543 Aadhaar numbers have been generated as on date. The UIDAI has a target to enroll 600 million residents by March, 2014.