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- (a) whether it is a fact that Registrar General of India and National Identification Authority are engaged in the project, and if so, in which objection has been raised by various Government authorities;
- (b) the amount spent so far under the UID project and the amount further sought for the project;
- (c) whether Planning Commission has ever raised objection to spending the amount under the UID project; and
- (d) the details in this regard?

ANSWER

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

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- (a): The Registrar General of India (RGI) is creating National Population Register (NPR) of persons usually residing in India under the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003 read with the Citizenship Act, 1955. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is issuing Unique Identification Number (Aadhaar numbers) to all residents as a developmental initiative. RGI is one of its Registrars for enrolment of Aadhaar.
- (b): Government has so far approved cost estimates of INR 8962.06 crore for Phases I, II and III of the UID project for the period up to March, 2017. Consequent upon approval of an additional 40 crore enrolments, an additional outlay of INR 5061 crore has been sought for Phase IV which will be appraised by the Expenditure Finance Committee. To date, INR 1482.16 crore has been spent from the Financial Year 2009-10 to Financial Year 2011-12.
- (c) & (d): The Project Appraisal and Management Division of the Planning Commission had examined the Expenditure Finance Committee proposals of UIDAI and observed that there is no justification for duplicating the enrolment process. Since then the Government has decided that in States/UTs where UIDAI has made good progress or where State Governments/Administrations have given commitment for aadhaar enrolments and are planning to integrate Aadhaar services delivery applications, aadhaar enrolments through non-RGI Registrars will move at full speed. It has been decided that if during the course of NPR enrolment, a person indicates that he/she is already enrolled for Aadhaar, biometric data will not be captured by NPR. Instead, the aadhaar number/enrolment number will be recorded and the biometric data will be given to NPR.