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**Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approves
Phase-V of Unique Identification project**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CC-EA) in its meeting held earlier today, considered and approved Phase-V of Unique Identification (UID) scheme for undertaking enrolments in four States viz. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand. With this, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has been given the target of generation of 100 crore Aadhaars by 2015, including UID numbers issued in respect of enrolments done under NPR process in 12 States/UTs allocated to it. Comprehensive proposals regarding Aadhaar Sampark Kendra, Information, Education & Communication Campaigns, Document Management System and Rent Rates & Taxes etc., will be prepared by UIDAI and a revised cost estimate submitted for appraisal of Expenditure Finance Committee.

It may be recalled that UIDAI was established in 2009 with a mandate to generate and assign the UID numbers to the residents of India. Under the UID scheme, enrolment is done by Registrars through enrolment agencies, and the Government provides outcome based financial assistance to them.

As on date, more than 67.38 crore Aadhaar numbers have been generated by UIDAI since August 2010, when the first such Aadhaar was generated. The total expenditure incurred by UIDAI since inception is Rs.4906 crore (as on 31 August 2014). The UID project aims to ensure inclusive growth by providing digital, online, verifiable identity to all residents, including the marginalized sections of society. Besides strengthening equity, this will also enable more efficient delivery of services and effective governance.