GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO   128
ANSWERED ON   30.11.2011
AADHAAR NUMBERS

128 . Shri S. R. JEYADURAL

D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA

Will the Minister of   PLANNING   be pleased to state:-

(a) the time fixed for dispatch of Aadhaar numbers to applicants after enrolment;

(b) whether the Aadhaar numbers have not been dispatched by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to a number of applicants who had enrolled themselves months ago;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure speedy delivery of Aadhar numbers to all the residents of India?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Tabie of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 128 REGARDING AADHAAR NUMBERS RAISED BY SHRI S.R JEYADURAI AND SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2011

(a): The expected time frame of delivery of Aadhaar numbers is normally within 60-90 days from the date of enrolment by the resident.

(b): Yes, Sir

(c): As on 25.11.2011, 7.5 crore Aadhaar numbers have been generated out of which 2.36 crore letters have been dispatched. The remaining 5.14 crore letters are pending for printing and delivery.

The reason for this gap between enrolments and dispatch of Aadhaar numbers is that enrolments are

being done at a faster pace and the printing is not adequate to meet the requirement.

(d): Unique Identification Authority of India (U1DAI) has an agreement with the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications and IT for printing and delivery of the Aadhaar numbers to the residents under its Print to Post scheme. However, the pace of printing could not keep up with the increasing enrolments and the Department of Posts was requested to ramp up its printing capacity which was done but still it was not able to match the increasing generation of Aadhaar numbers.

To overcome this increasing backlog, UIDAI has also partnered with M/s Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd. for printing of Aadhaar letters.

Further, an open tender has been floated on 23rd November 2011 for enhancing printing capacity so as to ensure that there is no delay in the printing of Aadhaar Letters.

In addition to the traditional method of printing and delivery, it has been decided to communicate Aadhaar numbers electronically.