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AADHAAR SCHEME

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Will the Minister of   PLANNING   be pleased to state:-

(a) the present status of the Unique Identity Card (UID) scheme;

(b) the total amount allocated for the scheme so far and the amount spent, year-wise;

(c) whether the UID project was recently launched in Nandurbar district of Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the purpose for which UID cards can be used?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): The goal of the Unique Identification (UID) Mission is to deliver UID number (Aadhaar) to every resident in the country. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) commenced its function in August 2009. The Government had committed to issuing the first set of Unique ID numbers in 12 to 18 months. The infrastructure for the project including setting up of Headquarters, Regional Offices, Technology Centre and Data Centre has been completed as part of Phase-I of the project. Phase-II of the project including issue of 10 crore Aadhaar numbers before March, 2011 has commenced. 27,446 UID (Aadhaar) numbers have been issued as on 25.10.2010.

(b): Details of allocation of funds and amount spent year-wise are as under:

(Rupees in Crore)

Year	Total Budget Estimates	Total Revised Estimates	Total Final Estimates	Total Expenditure
2009-10	120.00	30.92	26.38	26.21
2010-11 (Till September, 2010)	1900.00	–	–	34.00

(c) & (d): The Unique Identification programme was launched on 29th September, 2010 in Tembhali village of Nandurbar District in Maharashtra. The first set of UID (Aadhaar) numbers have been issued to the residents of Tembhali Village.

(e): Aadhaar is an enabler. The genesis of the Unique Identification Programme (Aadhaar) lay in

the fact that the poor and marginalized in India may get excluded from access to social welfare schemes and programmes meant for them for want of identity documents. Aadhaar aims to provide a soft identity infrastructure which can be used to re-engineer public services so that these lead to equitable, efficient and better delivery of services.