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Time period for giving Aadhaar Number to applicants

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- (a) the time period stipulated to send Aadhaar Number to the applicants after the nomination;
- (b) whether Aadhaar Number has not been sent by the Unique Identification Authority of India to several applicants who have made their nominations several months before;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure the allotment of Aadhaar Number to every citizen of India at the earliest?

ANSWER

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(a) : As per the process, 60 to 90 days time has been prescribed for delivering Aadhaar number to the residents' data packets in Central Identity Data Repository (CIDR).

(b)&(c): The residents' data packets received in CIDR undergoes a number of validation/quality checks to ensure the data received is correct & authentic; such as:

(1) Structural Validation for data integrity:

- i. Authenticity of Registrar(s) & EA code.
- ii. Village, Town, City Pin-code mapping.
- iii. Certification of operators & supervisors.
- iv. Registrar & Enrolment Agency (EA) mapping.

(2) Demographic De-duplication

(3) Demographic data quality check

- i. Photo-gender match
- ii. Age validation
- iii. Spelling/address validation
- iv. Transliteration check
- v. Photo quality

(4) Biometric de-duplication.

Any resident data packet, which fails any of the validation checks, is either rejected or goes into a 'hold' state until the authenticity of the data packet is confirmed from the Registrar/enrolment agency. This can lead to delays in generation of Aadhaar numbers. Sometimes, the delay in generation of Aadhaar is on account of delay in upload of resident data by the enrolment agency.

(d) : The mandate of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is to issue unique identification numbers to all residents of the country. The UID numbers are meant to prove only identity and not citizenship. To speed up generation of Aadhaar numbers, UIDAI has scaled up the capacity of Biometric Automated Identification System (ABIS) for the biometric de-duplication to 1 million aadhaars per day. To minimize validation failures at the enrolment stage, the enrolment client features have been enriched and a number of validation checks have been built into the enrolment client. These include (i) local authentication of operators/supervisors (ii) age and relationship authentication (iii) End of Day (EOD) review of demographic data by supervisor (iv) periodic sync of the enrolment machines with the server (v) been made mandatory (v) periodic report and analytics of the data uploaded are shared with the Registrars and Enrolment Agencies. To ensure regular upload of enrolment packets by the enrolment Agencies, appropriate changes have been made at the enrolment client end as well as the server end.