a. whether the Unique Identification Authority of India had initiated its second phase of UID enrolment from April 2012; b. if so, the names of States covered so far during this phase; and c. the steps taken to smoothen the process of unique Identification process in this phase.

Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:-

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) & (b) In January 2012, a decision was taken by the Government to mandate UIDAI to enroll an additional 40 crore residents beyond 20 crore enrolments already carried out by it. A list of 18 States / UTs where enrolment is being carried out by UIDAI is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) It is an endeavour of UIDAI, that improvements in processes and upgradation of technology are undertaken on an on-going basis. Some of the changes effected in recent past include the following:

(i) Biometric authentication of operators for each enrolment and of Supervisors in case of biometric exceptions.

(ii) End-of-the-day review of demographic data by Supervisors.

(iii) Mandatory periodic synchronization of enrolment machine with CIDR.

(iv) Mandatory upload of data packets within 20 days from date of enrolment.

(v) Imposition of penalty for poor data quality, non-compliance of processes and guidelines, and delayed uploads.

(vi) Phased introduction of Java based client version across enrolment stations.