Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Unique Identification Number (UIN) would be made mandatory for all citizens, gradually replacing other identification cards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether confidentiality of personal details of individuals will be at risk after issuing UIN;

(d) if so, whether the Government needs to bring a privacy policy to safeguard the same;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the method by which the UIN project will maintain a balance between privacy of individuals and requirement of security agencies to combat terrorism?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) : As of now, there is no proposal to make Unique Identification (UID) number for residents mandatory or replace the existing identification cards.

(b) : Does not arise

(c) to (f): The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) will not share resident data unless required by law. A legal framework is being envisaged to safeguard the privacy of the resident’s data and also take care of the security requirements of the country.