GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF PLANNING

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO-293

ANSWERED ON-15.04.2010

COMMITTEE ON BIOMETRICS .

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(a) whether the Unique Identity Authority of India has set up a Committee on Biometrics;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the said Committee has completed its study and submitted the report;

(d) if so, the details on the observations/ recommendations of the said committee; and

(e) the details of the action taken so far, by Government thereon?

<p style="color:red; text-align:center">ANSWER</p>

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO. 293 REGARDING "COMMITTEE ON BIOMETRICS" RAISED BY SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI DUE FOR ANSWERED ON 15TH APRIL, 2010

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. The Unique Identification Authority of India(UIDAI) constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General, National Informatics Centre in September, 2009 for framing the biometrics standards for UIDAI. Its charter included review of the existing standards and their modification/enhancement to meet the specific requirements of UIDAI relating to de-duplication and authentication.

(d) & (e): The Committee in its Report submitted to the UIDAI on 30th December, 2009 has recommended the standards for face, finger print and iris image. UIDAI, after careful consideration and examination of the recommendations of the Committee, has accepted the standards and best practices suggested by the Committee for face, finger prints and iris. The

UIDAI, after taking all relevant factors into consideration has also decided that all three biometric attributes of residents, viz. face, all ten finger prints and both iris images will be collected during the enrolment process into the UID system. The report of the Committee is available on the website www.uidai.gov.in.