

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING
RAJYA SABHA
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UIDAI working without backing Ministry

399 Smt. Wansuk Syiem

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Unique Identification & Development Authority of India (UIDAI) with the disbanding of Planning Commission, has been operating without the backing of an administrative ministry for sometime;

(b) whether with Aadhar enrolments having crossed 75 crores and schemes like cash transfer for LPG and Jandhan Yojana are in operation in full swing, UIDAI needs firm foundation to operate from with requisite administrative authority; and

(c) whether Government would consider bringing UIDAI under the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology which already supports the Digital India initiative?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a)&(b) In January 2009, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) was established as an attached office under the aegis of Planning Commission, with a mandate to issue unique identity (called Aadhaar) to all residents of India, and all requisite administrative authority to undertake this task. In January 2015, the Planning Commission was replaced by NITI Aayog, as its successor organization.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government, at this stage.