

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 44
ANSWERED ON 26.02.2015**

Matters relating to Aadhaar Card

44 Smt. Wansuk Syiem

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the validity and the manner of collecting information/data for Aadhaar Card under the aegis of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) have been challenged in the apex court through a PIL;

(b) whether with the abolition of the Planning Commission, the UIDAI operates under Niti Aayog; and

(c) the representative Ministry / Department that has been assigned the responsibility of representing the Government in the apex court on matters relating to Aadhaar Card ?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *44 REGARDING 'MATTERS RELATING TO AADHAAR CARD'

(a) Five Public Interest Litigation (PIL) cases have been filed before the Supreme Court, and another two filed before the High Court of Bombay and Madras have also been transferred to the Supreme Court. All of them writ petitions have since been tagged and are being heard together. A number of issues have been raised in the petitions, including various aspects of data collection.

(b) In January 2009, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) was established as an 'Attached Office' under the aegis of Planning Commission. In January 2015, Planning Commission was replaced by NITI Aayog.

(c) A number of Ministries / Departments of Central Government [such as Ministry of Finance, NITI Aayog (successor organisation of Planning Commission), Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, UIDAI, Department of Electronics and IT etc] and all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are the respondents in various PIL cases (tagged together) pending before the Supreme Court of India. Ministry of Finance is the coordinating Ministry.