

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF PLANNING**  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2388**  
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Ensuring success of UID project

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- (a) the status of UID project as on 1st February'2012.
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) the comments/observations of various Ministries upon the project;
- (d) the details thereof;
- (e) in what manner Government plan to ensure the success of the project; and
- (f) the details of the financial intricacies towards the completion of the project?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES

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(a) & (b): 12, 81, 06,507 Aadhaar numbers had been generated as on 1st February 2012. The State-wise details are given in Annexure-A.

(c) & (d): The Home Ministry has raised the matter of integrity of the data collected by the UIDAI as well as the view of the methodology adopted by the UIDAI. Concerns have also been raised regarding the security of data collected and stored.

UIDAI has put in place procedure and process for enrolment in accordance with the recommendation of DDPI Committee Report and the Biometrics Standards Committee Report. In addition a number of processes have been put in place to ensure that the data collected by UIDAI is not accessed in any unauthorized manner. Moreover, Aadhaar is a development initiative and not a security related initiative. Aadhaar number does not guarantee citizenship or any other guarantee entitlements. It is for the statutory/implementing authorities to determine the eligibility under the various laws and Acts applicable.

(e): Aadhaar aims to provide a soft identity infrastructure which can be used to improve delivery of public services. The UID project aims to deal with the problems of 'ghost' and 'duplicate' beneficiaries through use of biometrics and deduplication technology. It proposes to enable on-line authentication of the residents. Online authentication facility will also enable and drive the micro payments platform. To achieve the above objectives, UIDAI is partnering with State, Central Governments and Public and Private sector agencies as Registrars for UIDAI for enrolment of residents and development of Aadhaar enabled applications.

The State Governments and Central Government Ministries have been advised to review the various schemes for service delivery and utilize and leverage Aadhaar as a platform for service delivery. Aadhaar has been recognized as a valid document as Proof of Identity (PoI) and Proof of Address (PoA) for opening bank accounts and obtaining

telephone and LPG connections. Some of the State Governments have recognized Aadhaar number as proof of Address for their resident centric schemes. The Ministry of Road transport and Highways has issued instructions for recognition of Aadhaar as PoI and PoA for obtaining driving license and registration of vehicles. Department of Health & Family Welfare has also recognized Aadhaar as PoI & PoA for extending financial assistance to patients below poverty lines who are suffering from major life threatening diseases for receiving medical treatment at the super specialty hospitals/institutions or other Government hospitals under Rashtriya ArogyaNidhi.

(f): Over and above the approval accorded for Rs. 147.31 crore for phase-I of the project, the Expenditure Finance Committee(EFC) has recommended for phase-III a total cost of Rs. 8814.75 crore, which subsumes the earlier Rs. 3023.01 crore for phase-II of the project. The recommendation of the EFC has been approved by Cabinet. UIDAI related issues (CC-UIDAI) in its meeting held on 27th January, 2012.

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