

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 422  
ANSWERED ON 23.11.2011  
HURDLES IN ISSUE OF UID NUMBER

422 . Shri SURESH KODIKUNNIL

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether preparation and issue of Unique Identification Number to citizens in many States have been hit due to biometric machines failing to read fingerprints of senior citizens and infants.
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of problems being faced in reading the fingerprints by biometric machines;
- (d) whether the preparations and issue of Unique Identification Numbers are going on as
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to remove these hurdles and complaints the total number of people who have been issued UID cards/numbers as on 31 October, 2011, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES  
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(a): No, Sir.

(b) &, (c): Fingerprints of children below five years are not collected. The enrolment processes have been so designed so as to enable the capture of biometrics of all age groups.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): UIDAI has generated 6.73 crore Aadhaar numbers till 15.11.2011. Enrolments are being carried out by Registrars such as Departments of State Governments, Banks, Financial Institutions and

Central Government Agencies who collect biometric and demographic data through enrolment agencies.

(f): Efforts are on to eliminate delays in the printing & delivery of letters to residents. The progress is as per schedule.

(g): A statement indicating the number of Aadhaars generated State-wise and Registrar-wise as on 31.10.11 is enclosed at Annex-I.