GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme/proposal to issue Unique Identification Number (UID) to all school children;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the objectives thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry and Unique Identification Authority of India have signed any Memorandum of Understanding in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the benefits likely to accrue to various stakeholders in the scheme; and

(f) the time by which the aforesaid scheme will be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.210 BY SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV AND SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN, MPs REGARDING UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

(a) to (f): Under "Aadhaar Project" of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), children including school children, who enroll under this Project, will be given Unique Identification Numbers. Aadhaar number will be issued to children above 5 years after de-duplication based on finger prints, and iris images (similar to adults). Their biometrics will be updated once they turn 15 years of age. Intimation to this effect will be mentioned in the original Aadhaar letter.

An MOU was signed between Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on 27.10.2010 for implementation of UID project. As per this MOU, Unique Identification Authority of India will develop and prescribe standards for recording data fields, data verification and biometric fields, prescribe a process for enrolment of beneficiaries/students to authenticate the identity of a person with a UID number and maintenance of the information collected for the issuance of UID number. MHRD will co-operate and collaborate with the UIDAI in this endeavour.

This MOU would help by creating an electronic registry of students from primary/elementary level through secondary and higher education, as also between institutions. It has utility in the implementation of Mid-Day Meal scheme. Imprinting of UID number on performance record of individual students (mark-sheet, merit certificate, migration certificate) will help prospective employers and educational institutions. UID number will help track fake degrees. UID can also be utilized while dematting academic certificates as also education loan and scholarship schemes. The UID programme has already been launched on 29th September 2010.