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SYSTEM TO RECORD GROUP IN UID
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any system in UID that can create and maintain records relating to separate groups including migrant labour, unorganized workers, senior citizens and rural residents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government would like to make any provision in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): No, Madam. The demographic data stored in Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)'s database is limited to a set of mandatory, conditional and optional fields such as name, date of birth, gender, name of parents/guardian/spouse, residential address along with biometric features such as photograph, all ten finger prints and iris images, required to establish and verify the identity of the residents. Unique Identification Number (Aadhaar number) is a 12 digit random number which contains no intelligence. The respective Registrars who provide welfare services or benefits to various groups of beneficiaries may maintain additional relevant data about their beneficiaries as part of Know Your Residents plus fields.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): A Committee on Demographic Data Standards and Verification Procedures had been set up to go into the question of the demographic details to be collected from the residents for assigning of unique identification numbers. The Committee recommended that since the objective of UIDAI is to help residents establish their identity, Know Your Resident (KYR) data be kept to a usable minimum so as to support the goals of UIDAI and avoid other profiling and transactional fields. The Report of the Committee was accepted by the Government. The data fields recommended by the Committee have been adopted for collection of demographic information.