

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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ISSUING UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is issuing unique identification number to all the citizens of the country under AADHAAR scheme;
- (b) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard;
- (c) whether in remote districts, the pace of work is very slow;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is taking any steps to speed up the distribution of cards in remote areas so that the poor people are benefited; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): UIDAI's mandate is to issue Unique Identification Number (Aadhaar) to all the residents of India. The number is a proof of identity and not citizenship.
- (b): As on 31st July, 2011, approximately 1.90 crore Aadhaar numbers have been generated.
- (c) to (e): Enrolment of residents is carried out by the Registrars who may be Departments of the State Governments, Banks and Financial Institutions and Public Agencies. Enrolment plans are formulated by the respective Registrars. Aadhaar enrolments are taking place in most of the States and UTs including remote and far flung areas, through Registrars. Efforts are made to speed up Aadhaar enrolments in the remote areas subject to certain inherent difficulties of topography, connectivity and staff etc.