

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4190
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USE OF CHINESE DEVICES IN NPR PROJECT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether devices made in China are being used in the biometric cards to be issued under NPR project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has received some protest letters in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): For biometric enrolment, standards and technologies prescribed by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) are being followed. The UIDAI has mandated the use of biometric devices certified by the Standardisation Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) Directorate of the Department of Information Technology (DIT), Government of India. Accordingly, the STQC have certified biometric devices of specific Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). The CPSUs who are providing the biometric machines and operators for the biometric enrolment are procuring biometric devices after tender from amongst the OEMs whose equipments have been certified by the STQC. The OEMs from whom biometric devices are being procured by the CPSUs are based in USA and Korea. These OEMs are reported to have manufacturing facilities in USA, China and Korea.

(c): Yes Madam.

(d): The letters have been duly acknowledged and have been sent to UIDAI for reply.