

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION APPLICATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a national facility for assessing quality of biometric devices for Unique Identification applications in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the present status of the proposal:
- (c) the funds allocated and spent in this regard so far; and
- (d) the benefit likely to be accrued as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a): Standardization Testing and Quality Certification(STQC) Directorate under the Department of Information Technology has set up a facility for assessing quality of biometric devices for Unique Identification applications in the country.
- (b): At present, this facility is co-located with already existing STQC Centre at Electronics Test & Development Centres (ETDC), Mohali.
- (c): For developing infrastructure Rs.30 lakhs have been earmarked for Biometric Device Test Lab. (BDTL) and further, Rs.50 lakhs are to be incurred for creating infrastructure for testing biometric software from the budget of STQC (DIT) itself.
- (d): This facility will - facilitate availability of quality assessed Biometric Devices and support Unique Identification Authority of India(UIDAI) and help Indian Manufacturer to improve the quality of Biometric Devices to meet the requirement of UIDAI and National Population Register (NPR).