

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RFQ FOR BIOMETRIC ENROLMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIEIT) has invited Request For Quotation (RFQ) for Biometric Enrolment Services for approximately 55 crore citizens; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) has been fixed very high and only 30 companies out of 300 empanelled agencies have participated in the quotation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to enquire into the whole process of tender and re-tender for the sake of transparency and level playing field; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. Request for Quotations (RFQ) for Bio-metric Enrolment was invited by NIELIT on 15.09.2011. Last date of receiving of bids was 8th Nov.2011. The bid evaluation is under process.

The work includes data digitization of 62.43 crore records and bio-metric enrolment of 56.18 crore citizens.

(c) and (d): The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for each zone has been fixed on the basis of GFR 2005 Guidelines. As per GFR 2005 guidelines EMD should be 2 to 5% of the estimated value of the goods to be procured (Rule 157. Bid Security). The EMD amount in the instant case is approximately 2.5% of the total estimated cost of the work for each zone which is in conformity with the GFR 2005.

(e) and (f): Do not arise.