

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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DISCONTINUANCE OF AADHAAR CARD PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to discontinue Aadhaar Card Project;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has also decided to implement national identity number project of National Population Register;
- (d) if so, the difference between the two projects; and
- (e) the total expenditure incurred so far on the Aadhaar project?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Madam .
- (d) The Registrar General, India (RGI) is creating a National Population Register (NPR) of persons usually residing in India under the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003 read with the Citizenship Act, 1955. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), on the other hand, is issuing Unique Identification Numbers (called Aadhaar numbers) to all residents as a developmental initiative. UIDAI is enrolling residents through the multiple registrar model. The RGI is one of the Registrars of the UIDAI.
- (e) A total of INR 1067.86 crore has been spent on Aadhaar Project upto February, 2012.