

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme/proposal to issue Unique Identification Number (UID) to all school children;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether his Ministry and Unique Identification Authority of India have signed any Memorandum of Understanding in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the benefits likely to accrue to various stakeholders in the scheme; and
- (f) the time by which the aforesaid scheme will be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has the scheme to provide Unique Identification Number (UID) to all children including school children who are enrolled under Aadhaar project. Unique Identification Number will help in the enforcement of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009 and effective implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). This will help to find out the children who are out of the education system and to track their education throughout their educational career.

(c) & (d): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on 27th October, 2010 with the aim to enhance efficiency in monitoring of delivery of government benefits and services through accurate identification of beneficiaries and to have uniform standards and processes for verification and identification of beneficiaries. As per this MoU, UIDAI will develop and prescribe standards for recording data fields, data verification and biometric fields, prescribe a process for enrolment of beneficiaries/students to authenticate the identity of a person with a UID number and maintenance of the information collected for the issuance of UID number. MHRD will co-operate and collaborate with the UIDAI in this endeavour.

(e) & (f): UID enabled database which is under process will help in improving the quality of educational data, tracking the retention and completion of elementary education the children, tracking the problem of fake or inflated enrolment etc.