

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2869
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NATIONAL POPULATION REGISTER
Rao Shri Nama Nageswara

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the people who have already obtained Aadhar cards have to get bio-metric scanning done for the National Population Register (NPR);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total expenditure involved in these projects separately, project-wise;
- (d) whether the data collected from census as well as Aadhar can be utilized for NPR to end the duplication of work; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a): No, Madam. The Government has decided that the National Population Register(NPR) enrolment will continue as envisaged, but, if in the course of enrolment, a person indicates he/she is already enrolled for Aadhaar, the biometric data will not be captured by NPR. Instead the Aadhaar number/enrolment number will be recorded in NPR and the biometric data will be sourced from the UIDAI.
- (b): Question does not arise.
- (c): The Government has approved Rs. 6,649.05 crore for creation of NPR in the country and Rs. 8962.06 crore for the Aadhaar project.
- (d) to (e): The demographic data for creation of NPR was collected in a separate schedule alongwith the first phase of Census 2011 i.e., Houselisting and Housing Census 2010. Further, as per Indian Census Act, 1948 data collected under census is confidential and can be used only for statistical purposes. However, to minimize the duplication of efforts between UIDAI and NPR, the decision has already been taken by the Government as elaborated in reply of part (a) above.