

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OVERLAPPING OF AADHAAR AND NPR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is overlapping between Unique Identification (UID) and National Population Register (NPR);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has referred the matter to GoM; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final view on the matter will be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) & (b) 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 need to create a National Population Register (NPR) stems from the assessment of the Government of the internal security situation in the country. 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. The Government has decided that in States where UIDAI has made good progress or where State/UT Governments/Administrations have given commitment for Aadhaar enrolments and are planning to integrate with various service delivery applications, Aadhaar enrolments through non-RGI Registrars will move at full speed. Accordingly, certain States have been specified (Annexure-I) where the non-RGI Registrars of UIDAI can collect data. It has also been decided that NPR enrolment will continue as envisaged, but if in the course of enrolment, a person indicates that 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 given to the NPR.

(c) & (d) The Government is considering a proposal to issue Resident Identity Cards to usual residents enrolled in NPR, which would carry the Aadhaar number also. The Empowered Finance Committee has appraised the proposal to issue Resident Identity Cards and has recommended the same. The Union Cabinet has considered this proposal on 31.01.2013 and has directed that the proposal may, in the first instance, be considered by a Group of Ministers(GoM). The GoM has since been constituted.