GOVERNMENT OF INDIA LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6252 ANSWERED ON:06.05.2013 AADHAAR CARD FOR EPF Karunakaran Shri P.

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has made it mandatory to submit Aadhaar Card details of employees for any PF transactions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also extended the deadline of making the Aadhaar number mandatory for subscribers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to provide the said card to all the citizens speedily and in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

(a) to (d) The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), vide their letter dated 21st January, 2013, made it mandatory to submit Aadhaar number details for the New EPF members joining on or after March 1, 2013. Subsequently, during discussions with Unique Identification Authority of India, it emerged that UID is not enrolled in all the states. Therefore, it was decided not to make Aadhaar number mandatory for new members joining on or after March 1, 2013 and these revised instructions were issued by EPFO vide their letter dated 6th February, 2013.

(e) Unique Identification Authority (UIDAI) is implementing the Aadhaar project in partnership with various State/UT Governments/Financial institutions/India Post etc. The enrolment agencies are engaged by these partners to carry out enrolments in the field. UIDAI has recently supplemented with CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, a company under the Department of Information Technology, Government of India. UIDAI has also worked with its partner Registrars to increase the number of active enrolling agencies from approximately 90 in 2012 to more than 100 currently. The enrolling agencies have been directed to upload the resident data packets within 20 days of enrolment. At backend, multiple printers have been engaged to print the Aadhaar letters.