

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Aadhaar to NRIs

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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Government is considering to provide Aadhaar facility to Non-Resident Indians (NRIs); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of NRIs likely to be benefitted from this?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
GENERAL V.K. SINGH (RETD.)

(a) & (b): It has been decided that a long term goal should be to expand the Aadhaar enrolment activities to ensure that all persons on the Indian soil (Resident Indians, Non-Resident Indians, OCI/PIO persons and visa holding visitors) shall be empowered with a unique identity/ identifier that can be authenticated on a digital platform any time anywhere. Pursuant to the decision, necessary action has been initiated by the Unique Identification Authority of India. The NRI population is estimated to be over 1.13 crore most of whom may be eligible to avail of this facility.