

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI C. P. JOSHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance have forwarded a report of the World Bank's Institutional integrity unit alleging that some companies executing World Bank funded projects have committed sanctionable practices.

(c) and (d) Ministry has constituted a committee to conduct an enquiry and submit a report.

UID Numbers issued to Illegal Migrants

*310. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that inclusion of all Indian residents in the Unique Identification number scheme would present a threat to the nation's security by giving illegal migrants rights of citizens;

(b) if so, reaction of the Government; and

(c) whether Government has factored in illegal immigrants staying in various parts of the country before giving UID number?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR) : (a) to (c) Aadhaar is a unique 12 digit number which is being issued to all residents of India as a developmental initiative. Determination of citizenship is under the Citizenship Act, 1955 and the Rules framed thereunder. Aadhaar does not confer citizenship nor does it by itself confer right of citizenship for illegal migrants, which will be determined by the relevant statutory and implementing authorities. Hence, compromise of national security due to enrolments under the UID project does not arise.

Under-nourished Children

311. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN : Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry's attention has been drawn to recently published UN report that 77 per cent children below 5 years age are severely malnourished and under-nourished;

(b) if so, the details thereof with a list of both urban and rural children;

(c) whether the Ministry is actively considering to take some urgent measures with a view to bring down the percentage of under-nourished children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?