

Enumeration: It is linked to National Population Register, unique identity project

Census from April 15 to June 1

Personal data will be kept confidential, says director

BANGALORE, DHNS: You want an 'identity' for yourself? If yes, cooperate with the enumerators of the general census, who will knock at your doors between April 15 and June 1.

Compilation of the National Population Register (NPR), the first step towards issuing unique identification (UID) number to every individual, is being conducted along with the general census.

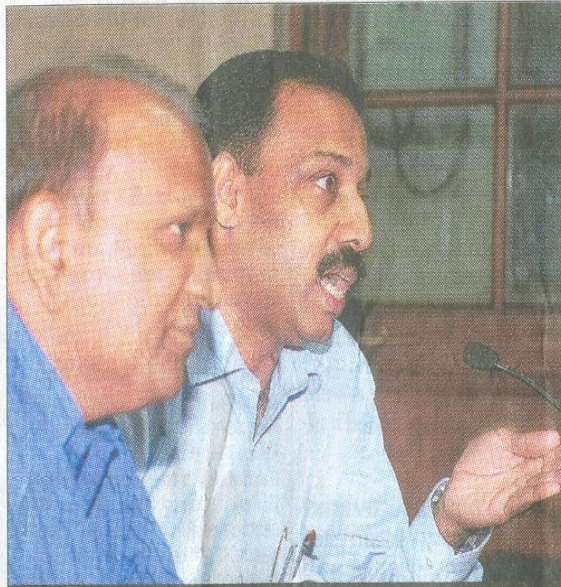
The UID number will be a 12-digit unique number which can be used to open bank accounts, obtain passport, driving licence and many other services.

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), headed by Nandan Nilekani, has come out with a form containing 15 questions for every individual (see box). The enumerators will fill the forms, which will have to be certified by the individual whose details are entered.

Filling up the form under NPR is the first step in the process of getting the UID.

In the second phase, photographs and biometric identification of all individuals above 15 years of age will be collected. Biometric identification includes impressions of all 10 fingers and an iris scan.

"In the due course, data col-



COUNT: Karnataka Census Operations Director T K Anil Kumar addressing media in Bangalore on Tuesday. Revenue Secretary and nodal officer for census K S Prabhakar looks on. DH PHOTO

lected will be notified at ward/gram panchayat level and the public can rectify mistakes, if any," T K Anil Kumar, Director for Census Operations in Karnataka, said. The programme also includes de-duplication process, where double entries of an individual will be deleted.

The Centre launched the UID project in coastal areas in September 2009, ahead of other areas.

The preliminary process of collecting data in 193 coastal villages will be completed by the end of this month. The same

process is going to be followed in other places.

If you miss

This is the best opportunity for the public to get themselves enrolled in the NPR. Those who miss this opportunity will have to apply for the same through the designated enrolling agency, which is yet to be notified. After the completion of the process, the UIDAI will issue a document to each individual, which will carry the unique number and the information collected from the individual.

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Compilation

You will have to answer the following questions

- Building number
- House number
- Predominant material for floor, wall and roof of house
- Ascertaining use of house
- Condition of house
- Household number
- Total no of people normally residing
- Persons
- Males
- Females
- Name of head of household
- Sex
- If SC/ST/others
- Number of dwelling rooms, exclusive in possession of household
- Ownership of house
- Number of married couple(s) living in house
- Main source of drinking water
- Availability of drinking water source
- Main source of lighting
- Latrine within the premises
- Type of latrine facility
- Waste water outlet
- Bathing facility
- Kitchen
- Fuel used for kitchen
- Radio/transistor
- Television
- Computer/laptop
- Telephone/mobile phone
- Bicycle
- Scooter/motorcycle/moped and car/jeep/van
- Availing banking services

Queries for NPR

1. Name
2. Relationship to head
3. Father's name
4. Mother's name
5. Spouse's name
6. Sex
7. Date of birth
8. Marital status
9. Place of birth
10. Nationality as declared
11. Present residential address
12. Duration of stay at present address
13. Permanent residential address
14. Occupation/Activity
15. Educational qualification

BANGALORE: "Don't hesitate, share the information," is an appeal to the public from the Directorate of Census Operations.

The personal data collected by enumerators from respondents as part of the general census will be kept confidential, TK Anil Kumar, director of Census Operations said.

The first phase of the general census - house listing and house census - will begin on Thursday.

Addressing a press conference in Bangalore on Tuesday, Anil Kumar said the purpose of the census is to collect socioeconomic data of all persons to formulate programmes. "We will burn records of data collected from respondents once the process of analysing the data is completed," he said.

The programme is spread over two phases. House listing and house census in the first phase will be followed by population enumeration from February to March 2011. K S Prabhakar, nodal officer for Census operations, said teachers had been appointed for enumeration.

Significance

The General Census - 2011 is

different from the previous census because this programme has been linked with the Centre's unique identity number issuing programme, monitored by UIDAI.

Enumerators visiting households will collect data, in a separate format for issuing UID also.

Timing

Enumerators will visit houses anytime in the day. Residents will not get prior notice of their visit.

The Directorate has trained 1.03 lakh enumerators to collect data. Each enumerator is assigned to visit between 120 and 150 houses during the 45-day census period.

Language

The Directorate provides forms, to be filled by enumerators, in both Kannada and English.

The residents have to put his/her signature on the form after verifying the data entered. In select places of north Karnataka enumerators are provided with forms in Marathi to help those who do not know either Kannada or English.

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