



An Update

With a view to making the Passport issuance process simpler, more secure and reliable, the Passport Seva Project has taken the initiative to digitally integrate with the UID database for validating the Aadhaar number, submitted by the passport applicant, as a Proof of Identity and Proof of Address.

2. For an applicant who voluntarily gives the Aadhaar number on his/her passport application, the Aadhaar number along with the biometric data, captured at the Passport Seva Kendra, are sent to UID's e-KYC service platform. The demographic details along with photograph returned by UID are displayed to the Verification Officer/Granting Officer - thus helping in validating identity of the applicant based on the Aadhaar number.

3. The integration has been successfully piloted at seven Passport Seva Kendras Delhi - Herald House PSK, Ahmedabad - Mithakali PSK, Bangalore - Sai Arcade PSK, Chandigarh PSK, Chennai - N M Road PSK, Vishakhapatnam PSK and Ranchi PSK.

4. The project is now ready for a pan-India rollout of PSP-Aadhaar integration. The complete rollout is planned by end August 2015, in five waves as per plan below:

- Wave 1 (14th August 2015): All PSKs under RPO Amritsar, RPO Bareilly, RPO Bhopal, RPO Dehradun, RPO Ghaziabad, RPO Jaipur and RPO Hyderabad
- Wave 2 (19th August 2015): All PSKs under RPO Jalandhar, RPO Thane, RPO Cochin and RPO Trichy
- Wave 3 (21st August 2015) – All PSKs under RPO Pune, RPO Raipur, RPO Shimla, RPO Chandigarh, RPO Srinagar, RPO Surat, RPO Malappuram, RPO Trivandrum RPO Chennai and RPO Kolkata
- Wave 4 (25th August 2015) – All PSKs under RPO Ahmedabad, RPO Jammu, RPO Lucknow, RPO Bangalore, RPO Kozhikode and RPO Madurai
- Wave 5 (27th August 2015) – All PSKs under RPO Mumbai, RPO Nagpur, RPO Patna, RPO Delhi, RPO Bhubaneswar, RPO Coimbatore, RPO Goa, RPO Guwahati and RPO Visakhapatnam

5. The Passport database has more than 60 Million valid passports. The Ministry in co-ordination with UIDAI is working out a time-bound action plan for collecting Aadhaar number of these applicants through crowd-sourcing (through web-services/ SMS/IVRS), in accordance with seeding tools available for organic seeding.

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