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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4158
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2012

BIO-METRIC EXCEPTION CLAUSE FOR AADHAR

4158. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a 'bio-metric exception' clause in the protocol for registration under Aadhar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a large number of enrolments have been made in many States without providing bio-metric identification and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has a mechanism to verify details such as residential address of each individual enrolling under the scheme before the issue of Aadhaar Numbers and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the number of individuals who have been issued number without complete verification of details provided; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to make Aadhar system foolproof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING

(SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) : Yes Madam.

(b) : Aadhaar provides unique identity to a resident based on his/her demographic and biometric information. The biometric information collected as part of Aadhaar enrolment includes photograph, all 10 fingerprints and 2 iris images. However, to ensure that no resident is denied an opportunity to enroll in the absence of some or all biometrics, Aadhaar enrolment process also has provision for enrolling such persons, under biometric exception (BE) enrolment. This is in line with the principle of universal inclusion followed by UIDAI in Aadhaar enrolments. The exception enrolment requires photograph of missing fingers/hand/eyes in such a manner that the proof of missing biometrics is recorded in the data base. All exception enrolments are to be signed off by the enrolment operators and approved by the supervisor of the Enrolment Agency. At the backend, systems exist to carry out demographic de-duplication in respect of such enrolments. Furthermore, all 100% biometric exception data packets undergo manual check at the backend.


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