

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1788
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 26.07.2017

MANDATORY LINKING OF AADHAAR

1788. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the generation/issuance of Aadhaar cards including its legal validity has been questioned;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Supreme Court has issued any directions to the Government that Aadhaar cards may be made mandatory for getting benefits under various social welfare schemes and if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) the details of the number of Aadhaar cards generated/issued and delivered in the country and the funds incurred thereon, State/Union Territory wise; and
- (e) whether instances of non-delivery/ delay in delivery/postal loss of Aadhaar cards has come to the notice of the Government and if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): W.P (C) No. 494 of 2012 and other tagged matters in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, have inter-alia challenged the validity of UID (Unique Identification) Scheme and the subsequent Aadhaar Act, 2016.

In the Counter Affidavit filed by Union of India in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it has been stated that the governing law holding the field from 23.09.2013 i.e. date of first interim order in W.P.(C) 494 of 2012 & connected cases, up to 11.09.2016 (i.e. the date immediately prior to relevant provisions of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 coming into force) were the interim orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court and from 12.09.2016 (i.e. the date of coming into force of the Aadhaar Act, 2016), it is the Aadhaar Act, 2016.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): A total of about 116.09 Crore Aadhaar have been generated upto 21.07.2017, out of which about 115.15 Crore have been dispatched. The number of Aadhaar generated State/Union Territory-wise is Annexed.

The total expenditure of UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) since 2009-10 to 2017-18 (upto 18th July, 2017) is Rs. 9055.73 Crore which includes an expenditure of Rs. 3819.97 Crore towards enrolment cost and Rs. 1171.45 Crore towards logistics cost (printing and dispatch of Aadhaar letters). State/Union Territories wise data on expenditure is not being maintained by the UIDAI.

(e): UIDAI communicates Aadhaar number (UID) to resident in both physical and electronic forms. UIDAI has a facility of downloading e-Aadhaar (electronic form of Aadhaar letter) as soon as Aadhaar number is successfully generated. This has facilitated UIDAI with fast & quick communication of Aadhaar numbers.

UIDAI receives grievances related to non-receipt of Aadhaar letters in Aadhaar Contact Centre/Grievance Portal/through emails. UIDAI has set up an internal mechanism to resolve grievances relating to non-receipt of Aadhaar letters by way of reprinting and resending these letters.
