

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *255
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.08.2017

AADHAAR ENROLMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

***255. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY:**

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

- (a) whether hundreds of Aadhaar applicants with disabilities have received rejection letters, in spite of making multiple attempts to enrol for Aadhaar and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons with disabilities had tried and failed to enrol for Aadhaar because of a non-inclusive system and lack of sensitivity among enrolment agents/officers and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the enrolment procedure could not be completed because there is no alternative protocol for handling applicants with special needs and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to sensitize and train enrolment agents/officers for the purpose and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there are special provisions to make Aadhaar enrolment easier for persons with disabilities and if so, the details thereof including the steps taken to address the issue of enrolment of persons with special needs like persons with cerebral palsy, children with autism, children with visual disabilities, etc.; and
- (f) the details of Aadhaar cards which have been cancelled during the last three years, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a), (b) and (c): No, Sir. Every resident, including persons with disability/missing biometrics, is eligible for Aadhaar.

(d): UIDAI organizes training and sensitization workshops for enrolment agencies /operators regarding enrolment of such category of persons, from time to time.

(e): Yes, Sir. UIDAI has well defined processes for enrolling the persons suffering with disabilities including those having partial or no biometrics.

(f): During the last three years, about 5 lakhs Aadhaar have been cancelled due to various reasons.
