

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1980**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07-03-2018

**COMPLAINTS REGARDING AADHAAR**

**1980. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:**

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

(a) whether the Government has received complaints from NRI/PIO/OCIs who are facing problems in AADHAAR enrolment and are getting barred from different facilities;

(b) if so, is it also fact that NRI/PIO/OCIs are not eligible for biometric identification enrolment as per Aadhaar Act, 2016; and

(c) if so, the steps which Government proposes to take to resolve their issue?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)

(a) and (b): As per section 3 (1) read with section 2(v) of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 every resident is entitled to obtain Aadhaar. Hence, NRI/OCI/PIO, in case they are non-resident, are not eligible.

(c): NRIs/OCIs/PIOs who are not eligible to get Aadhaar, can access their services without submission of Aadhaar. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has issued circular dated 15/11/2017 advising all Central Ministries/ Departments, all State Governments and UT Administration, not to insist for Aadhaar from such category of individuals and devise suitable mechanism to ascertain their identities.

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