

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4228
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21-03-2018

AADHAAR CENTRES IN POST OFFICES/ BANKS

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

- (a) whether the work of setting up of Aadhaar centres in post offices/banks have been started;
- (b) if so, the current status of handing over the work to post offices and banks;
- (c) the number of post offices/banks which have been identified for this work;
- (d) the number of post offices/banks in which facilities of Aadhaar enrolment/ updation have been started, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has directed that there is no need to get Aadhaar card laminated from private parties and Aadhaar letter printout is sufficient to get the Aadhaar linked benefits; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b) and (c): Yes, Sir. Department of Posts, as Registrar of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), has been mandated to set up Aadhaar enrolment and update facility in 13,352 designated Post Offices across the country. Schedule Commercial Banks have also been mandated under Regulation 12A of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016 to set up Aadhaar enrolment and update facility at 13,705 bank branches across the country.

(d): As on 14th March, 2018, a total of 12,114 Aadhaar enrolment and update centres have become operational at Post Offices/ Banks across the country. The updated state-wise list of these centres is available on the UIDAI official website: www.uidai.gov.in

(e) and (f): Yes, Sir. As per subsection (3) of Section 4 of Aadhaar Act, 2016, "*An Aadhaar number, in physical or electronic form subject to authentication and other*

conditions, as may be specified by regulations, may be accepted as proof of identity of the Aadhaar number holder for any purpose.”

UIDAI in this regard has issued advisory that Aadhaar letter or its cutaway portion or downloaded version of Aadhaar on ordinary paper or mAadhaar are perfectly valid.
