GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1998

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FOREIGN NATIONALS GETTING AADHAAR CARD BY SUBMITTING FAKE DOCUMENTS

1998. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that over 31,000 illegal immigrants are trying to get enrolled for Aadhaar card;
- (a) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that many foreign nationals, particularly from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Myanmar, have managed to get Aadhaar card by submitting fake documents;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and
- (e) the details of corrective measures taken by Government to keep strict vigil on such persons?

ANSWER

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

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c), (d) and (e): Aadhaar is not a proof of nationality or citizenship. The verification procedure for demographic data submitted by the resident during enrolment includes supporting documents, introducers system and National Population Register process of public scrutiny. Major portion of the enrolment is document based. There are well defined lists of Proof of Identity (PoI) and Proof of Address (PoA). Under document based enrolment, a resident has to submit any of the PoI/PoA from the said list.

Aadhaar is generated after a number of quality checks and biometric de-duplication. Every attempt is made to ensure that fake enrolments are identified through quality checks and biometric de-duplication process, and rejected. In a miniscule number of cases, where an ineligible enrolment may slip through, there are provisions for taking action against the delinquent operator/ supervisor/ enrolment agency; financial penalties; and criminal proceedings by lodging of FIR, besides cancellation of such Aadhaars.

Aadhaar verification service is available on a public portal https://resident.uidai.net.in where any person can check the validity of an Aadhaar instantaneously.