

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1544**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 28.07.2017

**LINKING AADHAAR WITH SIM CARD**

**1544. SHRI RIPUN BORA:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to link Aadhaar number with the mobile SIM card;
- (b) if so, whether any official notification has been issued therefor;
- (c) if so, the details of process of linking Aadhaar with SIM, card;
- (d) whether the linking is valid only in the home town of the SIM card holder or is universal to make the link; and
- (e) the notification of TRAI in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): Initially, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) had issued instructions on 16.10.2014 & 29.12.2014 to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) for collecting 'Aadhaar' numbers along with mobile 'Customer Acquisition Form' and storing the same in the database along with other data by telecom service operators. Further, DoT has also issued 'Aadhaar based Electronic-Know Your Customer (E-KYC) process for issuing new mobile connections to subscribers' on 16.08.2016 (copy available at [http://www.dot.gov.in/sites/default/files/2016\\_08\\_16%20eKYC-AS-II.pdf?download=1](http://www.dot.gov.in/sites/default/files/2016_08_16%20eKYC-AS-II.pdf?download=1)) in which the customer is biometrically authenticated from the server of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and their demographic details received from UIDAI are stored in TSP's database. This process is an alternative process to existing Proof of Identity/Proof of Address documents based process.

Hon'ble Supreme Court, while disposing off the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 607/2016 filed by Lokniti Foundation V/s Union of India, vide its order dated 06.02.2017 has directed for re-verification of all existing mobile subscribers through Aadhaar based E-KYC process preferably within a period of one year. In compliance to these orders, instructions have been issued to all TSPs on 23.03.2017(copy available at <http://www.dot.gov.in/sites/default/files/Re-verification%20instructions%2023.03.2017.pdf?download=1>) & 11.04.2017(copy available at <http://www.dot.gov.in/sites/default/files/11.04.2017.pdf?download=1>) for Aadhaar based E-KYC based re-verification of all existing mobile subscribers except bulk, outstation and foreign customers.

For re-verification of outstation subscribers i.e., subscribers who are having Aadhaar issued in other Licensed Service Areas, as well as issue of new mobile connection to outstation customers through Aadhaar based E-KYC process, instructions have been issued by DoT on 15.06.2017(copy available at <http://www.dot.gov.in/sites/default/files/Outstation%2015.06.2017-final.PDF?download=1>).

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