

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 741
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 21.07.2017

FRAUDULENTLY ISSUED AADHAAR NUMBERS

741. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR:

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

- (a) whether more than 100 crore residents were enrolled in Aadhaar under the weak enrolment system existing before the Aadhaar Act; and
- (b) the steps and guidelines Government has issued to ensure that fraudulently issued Aadhaar numbers do not become gateways to obtaining Voter ID and passports?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): Prior to the Aadhaar Act, 2016 coming into force, UIDAI had been functioning as an attached office of the erstwhile Planning commission (now NITI Aayog) vide Gazette Notification No. A-43011/02/2009-Admn.I dated 28th January, 2009 with a mandate to generate and issue Unique Identification Number to all residents of India. Aadhaar Act, 2016 came into force in September 2016 by which time more than 100 crore Aadhaar numbers had been generated.

The enrolment system adopted by UIDAI, since inception, for enrolling the residents for Aadhaar is a robust one and is guided by well defined processes and guidelines along with a suitable deterring mechanism to discourage any deviation from these laid down guidelines. Aadhaar is generated after a number of quality checks and biometric de-duplication. Every attempt is made to ensure that fake/bogus 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 including imposing financial penalties and initiating criminal proceedings by lodging of FIR, besides cancellation of such Aadhaar numbers.

UIDAI only issues Aadhaar to the residents of the country. Aadhaar is a proof of identity and does not confer any right or entitlement on its holder. The Departments intending to use Aadhaar for delivering services to people are required to exercise due diligence in identifying their true beneficiaries.
