GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 880
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09-02-2018

UNIQUE BIOMETRIC COMPETENCY CENTRE

880.   SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

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

(a) the details of challenges posed by biometric recognition and the steps taken/ being taken to face/overcome these challenges;

(b) whether the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has set up a Unique Biometric Competency Centre (UBCC); and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a):   The challenges faced by biometric recognition are poor and worn out finger prints. The steps taken to overcome these challenges are:

   i)   Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) provides various modes of authentication viz demographic, biometric (fingerprint and Iris) and OTP. The requesting entity may provide authentication facility using any of the above modes of authentication.

   ii)   In addition, as per Regulations 14(1) (i) of Aadhaar (Authentication) Regulations 2016, all requesting entities are required to implement exception-handling mechanisms and back-up identity authentication mechanisms to ensure seamless provision of authentication services to Aadhaar number holders.

   iii)   DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat had issued a detailed circular dated 19.12.2017 regarding 'Use of Aadhaar in Benefit Schemes of Government - Exception Handling'.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

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