GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4408 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022

DIGITAL INDIA SCHEME AND AADHAAR

4408. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

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

(a) whether the Government has received several applications regarding problems of updating the details in Aadhaar and thus incorporating Aadhaar number with other Government documents;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken therein and the measures being taken to ensure that the Digital India scheme is inclusive and accessible to senior citizens and people with disabilities;

(c) whether the Government intends to accommodate the emerging Web 3.0 into the Digital India scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) and (b):Yes,Sir. UIDAI has created various facilities as mentioned below for updating the details in Aadhaar by the Residents:

- I. UIDAI provides Aadhaar enrolment/update facility to the residents through more than 55,000 Enrolment Centres working throughout India. UIDAI also runs 79 State of the art Aadhaar SevaKendras which offers a comfortable environment to the residents and are wheel-chair friendly having special provisions to service the elderly or specially-abled.
- II. Residents who have linked their mobile with Aadhaar have option to update their demographic data (Name, Age, Gender and Date of Birth) through online portal i.e. myaadhaar.gov.in
- III. UIDAI on-boarded India Post Payment Banks (IPPB) as Registrar to facilitate residents, for linking their Mobile/Email with their Aadhaar. These services are offered through the Postmen and on an average more than 30,000 such postmen are working on daily basis.

Also, Aadhaar has an inclusive approach and its enrolment/update processes are accessible to Senior Citizens and persons with disabilities.

Further, the various measures taken by Government of India to ensure that the Digital India scheme is inclusive and accessible to people with disabilities are- publishing of Guidelines for Indian Government

Websites (GIGW) that includes the guidelines on websites accessibility, publishing of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Accessibility Standard 'IS17802' Part-I is addressing the functional requirement of various disabilities. Also regular accessibility awareness programmes for capacity building are conducted.

(c) and (d):Government of India is aware of Web 3.0 and opportunities and challenges that it represents. The government is confident that with Digital India, the entrepreneurs will lead the change in innovating in Web 3.0.
