

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4212**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21-03-2018

**BAAL AADHAAR CARD**

**4212. ADV. JOICE GEORGE: SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE: KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:**

**SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA: SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR: SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN: SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO: SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has decided to introduce a Baal Aadhaar card for children below the age of five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto;
- (c) the details of the features of Baal Aadhaar card along with its validity;
- (d) whether it is mandatory for each and every child below the age of five years and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it will be linked with one of the parent's Aadhaar card and no biometric details will be captured and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent the circulation of fake Aadhaar cards in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI K. J. ALPHONS)

(a), (b) and (c): As per Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has been mandated to issue Aadhaar to all residents of the country. There is no age bar for enrolment for Aadhaar. The Aadhaar may be accepted as proof of identity of the Aadhaar number holder valid for life time.

**'Baal Aadhaar'**, printed in blue coloured letter for communicating Aadhaar number to children below five years, has been introduced by UIDAI. The letter informs the Aadhaar holder (Parents) to update the Aadhaar details with biometrics on attaining age of five years failing which Aadhaar will be deactivated and will not be valid. Blue coloured letter has been introduced to visibly distinguish the letter for children, for ease of mass communication to people to get the biometrics of their children updated on attaining the age of five years.

(d): As per Section 3(1) of Aadhaar Act, 2016, every resident is entitled to obtain an Aadhaar number including children by submitting his demographic information and biometric information by undergoing process of enrolment.

(e): For enrolment of child below of 5 years, biometric information is not collected, only demographic and photograph is collected. Aadhaar number of the child is linked with either of the parent's Aadhaar.

(f): As per subsection (3) of Section 4 of Aadhaar Act, 2016, “*an Aadhaar number, in physical or electronic form subject to authentication and other conditions, as may be specified by regulations, may be accepted as proof of identity of the Aadhaar number holder for any purpose.*” Hence, question of fake Aadhaar, if used as per above provisions, does not arise.

UIDAI has provided online authentication facility whereby any Aadhaar can be authenticated anywhere anytime. Further, an online facility has also been provided for verifying an Aadhaar available at <https://resident.uidai.gov.in/aadhaarverification>.

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