

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1228
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022

VERIFICATION OF AADHAAR FOR PREVENTION OF ITS MISUSE

1228. SHRI BRIJLAL:

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

- (a) whether Government/Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has directed the State Governments and various organizations to verify Aadhaar to prevent the possible misuse of Aadhaar card;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and their reaction thereto; and
- (c) whether the Authority has also issued any circular to the entities authorized to conduct the certification and verification and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): To prevent the possible misuse of Aadhaar, the Unique Identification Authority of India has provided an easy, online and secure mechanism for various service providers to authenticate and thereby verify the identity of the Aadhaar holder.

To further strengthen the arrangements to prevent possible misuse of Aadhaar, the Authority has also notified amendments to the Aadhaar (Authentication and Offline Verification) Regulations, 2021 on 4.2.2022, to provide that no entity seeking offline verification shall accept Aadhaar number, in physical or electronic form (without authentication), as a proof of identity for lawful purpose, without first verifying the digital signature of the Authority.

Further, the Authority, has written to State Governments and Union Territory Governments and Administrations on 26.9.2022, requesting them, with a view to prevent frauds, that Aadhaar-based biometric authentication be used by entities, at the time of registration of properties or executing high-value financial transactions.

The Authority has also issued circulars dated 31.10.2022, communicating the do's and don'ts for entities requesting online authentication and offline verification. These provide that these entities should verify Aadhaar for the purpose of establishing identity of a resident.
