

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1307
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018

EXEMPTION FROM AADHAAR

1307. SHRI A.P. JITENDER REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the cases where people suffering from leprosy have stopped receiving pension for the lack of Aadhaar card;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government has clarified and notified any alternatives or exemptions for cases such as leprosy where it is not possible for the person to have his biometrics done, if so, the details of the exemptions and alternatives and if not, the reasons for having no such alternative or exemptions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA)

(a), (b) and (c): Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW), deals with policies relating to Central Civil employee/pensioners. As per information received from them, DoPPW is not aware of any case where people suffering from leprosy have stopped receiving pension for the lack of Aadhaar. To facilitate senior pensioners facing problems in submission of Digital Life Certificate due to non-acceptance of their biometric, suitable instructions have been issued by OM No. 1/20/2016-P&PW(E) dated 14.11.2017 (available at http://doppw.gov.in/sites/default/files/LifeCertificate_141117.pdf) to all Pension Disbursing Banks. It has been advised that where the fingerprints of a pensioner are not accepted by the system, the alternate mechanism of biometric i.e. Iris scanning may be used. In case, however, it is not possible to have Digital Life Certificate either through finger prints or through Iris scanning, the physical life certificate submitted by the pensioner may be accepted to avoid any harassment to the pensioner. In any case, no pensioner should be returned without accepting his life certificate on account of non-acceptance of his biometric by the system.
