

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 384**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 12.12.2018

**USE OF AADHAAR FOR VERIFICATION**

**384 DR. K. GOPAL:**

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has ordered telecom companies to stop using Aadhaar for electronic verification of existing mobile phone customers as well as for issuing new connections to comply with the Supreme Court order;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the order permitted the use of physical Aadhaar card for giving new connections, provided the customer voluntarily offers it; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. In pursuance of Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment dated 26.09.2018 the Department of Telecommunications, vide its order dated 26.10.2018, has directed all Licensed Service Providers to discontinue the use of "Aadhaar" e-KYC service of Unique Identity Authority of India (UIDAI) both for re-verification of existing mobile subscribers as well as for issuing new mobile connections to subscribers.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir, the Licensed Service Providers have been directed to accept the copy of physical Aadhaar or e-Aadhaar letter having masked or unmasked Aadhaar number (as downloaded from UIDAI website) as Proof of Identity/Proof of Address (PoI/PoA) document, if offered voluntarily by the subscriber, as per the procedure(s) prescribed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for issuance of new mobile connections.

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