

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2698
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Cancellation of Aadhaar Cards**

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- (a) whether UIDAI has cancelled 3.84 lakh fake Aadhaar cards, till 31st December, 2012 in spite of loophole – free and unbeatable Unique Identification System;
- (b) if so, whether it is with the connivance of the issuing agencies with anti-social elements or through genuine human error;
- (c) whether the ‘Biometric – Identification’ contains an “exceptions” clause;
- (d) if so, whether this is a contributory factor for issuance of ‘fake cards’; and
- (e) the steps taken to avoid recurrence?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING

(SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) to (e): No card is issued under Aadhaar Scheme. Aadhaar is a Unique Identification Number linked to a person’s demographic and biometric information. This number is communicated to the resident through a letter. In keeping with Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)’s commitment to achieve zero failure to enroll, the enrolment client application has the provision to enroll persons with biometric exceptions. It came to the notice of UIDAI that this provision was misused by some operators to enroll residents under the category who are not falling in the category of biometric exceptions. A scrutiny of all biometric exception enrollments was done and this has led to the cancellation of aadhaar numbers of residents. Action taken also includes blacklisting of operators and supervisors and filing police complaints. UIDAI now does a demographic de duplication of all resident enrolment packets. All enrolments reported as 100% biometric exception are also reviewed manually before processing for Aadhaar number generation.