

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2169
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05-01-2018

CANCELLATION OF AADHAAR CARDS

2169. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of Aadhaar cards have been cancelled without giving any notice to the individuals, depriving them of all the benefits provided by Government;
- (b) the criteria adopted by Government to cancel or deactivate the Aadhaar card and whether it is done unilaterally by Government or the individual is intimated in advance; and
- (c) how does Government propose to continue providing the benefits of all the Governmental schemes to those whose Aadhaar card has been cancelled by Government unilaterally along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ALPHONS KANNANTHANAM)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Omission or De-activation of Aadhaar is done by UIDAI as per provisions contained in Regulation 27, 28 & 29 of Aadhaar (Enrolment & Update) Regulations, 2016. The communication to the Aadhaar number holders are done as per provisions contained in Regulation 30 of Aadhaar (Enrolment & Update) Regulations, 2016.

(c): As per Section 7 of Aadhaar Act, 2016, the Central Government, or as the case may be, the State Government, may require an individual to undergo authentication, or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number as necessary condition for receipt of certain subsidies, benefits or services. However, Section 7 of the Act also provides that “*if an Aadhaar number is not assigned to an individual, the individual shall be offered alternate and viable means of identification for delivery of the subsidy, benefit or service*”.
