

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2175
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05-01-2018

AADHAAR REGISTRATION FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED PERSONS

2175. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

(a) whether there have been any cases where differently-abled persons have been denied Aadhaar card;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to provide Aadhaar cards to people with neurological disabilities who are not able to sit still for the photograph or the iris scan;

(d) whether all Aadhaar centres have disabled friendly access infrastructure; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure that Aadhaar card registration process is made viable for differently-abled persons?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): No, Sir. Every resident, including differently-abled persons, is eligible for Aadhaar.

(c), (d) and (e): Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has laid down well defined processes for Aadhaar enrolment of those persons who are not able to provide some or any of their biometrics, due to any reasons, including disability, while enrolling for Aadhaar.

As per requirement, special measures are taken for Aadhaar enrolment of specific groups, including holding special enrolment camps etc. In deserving cases, household visits are also organised.

Aadhaar centres are run by Registrars/ Enrolment Agencies who are required to ensure various guidelines including facilitation of residents at enrolment centres. Enrolment operations are now being shifted to post offices and branch premises of scheduled commercial banks. The Department of Posts and banks can ensure convenience of the disabled persons while providing services to them, as per their policies in this regard.
