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MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2018

BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION FAILURES

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

- (a) the number of Aadhaar-linked ration cards that have failed biometric authentication at Aadhaar-enabled PoS (Point of Sale) terminals since 2017, month-wise;
- (b) whether Government is taking any steps to address biometric failures at Aadhaar-enabled PoS terminals in genuine cases;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per information received from Department of Food and Public Distribution, the details of the failed biometric authentication is not available with them. This information will have to be collected from States/UTs.

(b) and (c): Some states have introduced the features of Fusion finger, Iris readers etc. and use of antenna to reduce the instances of biometric/ connectivity failures. Department of Food and Public Distribution has issued clear instructions to all States/UTs that no beneficiary should be denied his/her entitled quota of subsidized food grains for want of Aadhaar or failure of biometric authentication due to network/ connectivity/ linking issues/ poor biometric of the beneficiary or other technical reasons.

(d): Does not arise.
