

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 384**

**ANSWERED ON 07.04.2017**

**Ghost beneficiaries under Aadhaar s Direct Benefit Transfer scheme**

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

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has identified ghost beneficiaries under Aadhaar's Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme in the previous year, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the details of losses reported, if any, due to ghost beneficiaries of social welfare schemes such as pensions, LPG, scholarships, etc., State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry to eradicate/prevent ghost beneficiaries?

**ANSWER**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION \*384 FOR ON 07.04.2017 REGARDING GHOST BENEFICIARIES UNDER AADHAAR'S DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFER SCHEME

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(a) and (b): Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is a major reform initiative where benefits, in cash or kind, are delivered directly to accurately identified beneficiaries using Aadhaar as an identifier, thereby eliminating ghost beneficiaries. It envisages simpler flow of funds and information using ICT, achieving efficiency and inclusion in the delivery processes leading to greater accountability and transparency in the system. As on 28th February 2017, 84 schemes of 17 Ministries/Departments are there on DBT platform. Ministries / Departments have estimated and reported savings of Rs 49,560 crores in last three years due to implementation of schemes in DBT mode in view of elimination of ghost beneficiaries in their schemes. The details of the estimated savings accrued are attached as Annexure.

(c): For the schemes being implemented in DBT mode, the beneficiary data bases are seeded with unique Aadhaar number of the beneficiary, thus eliminating ghost beneficiary and transfer of benefits directly to the bank account of the beneficiary by electronic means.

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Annexure

Savings Reported due to DBT

S.No. Ministry / Department Scheme Reported Savings (in Rs Cr) Remarks

Upto 2015-16 Upto 2016-17 (Interim upto 31.12.2016)

1 Petroleum & Natural Gas PAHAL 21584 26408 Rs 14672 cr in 2014-15 , Rs 6912 cr in 2015-16 & Rs 4824 in 2016-17

2 Food & Public Distribution PDS 10191 14000 In view of deletion of 2.33 Cr Ration Cards upto 2016-17 and better targeting of beneficiaries

3 Rural Development MGNREGS 3000 7633 Saving of Rs 3000 Cr for 2014-15 assessed in 2015-16 and saving of Rs 4633 Cr for 2015-16, assessed in 2016-17.

NSAP 249 399

4 Others Others 1120 1120 Information regarding savings in other schemes from States is awaited

Total 36144 49560

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