

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Making Aadhaar based e KYC compulsory for mobile subscribers

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- (a) whether Government proposes to make Aadhaar based e-KYC compulsory for mobile subscribers;
- (b) if so, whether Government plans to restrict SIM cards for subscribers therein, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the proposal of Government on security check therein?

ANSWER

(a) to (c) : The Department of Telecommunications has issued 'Aadhaar based Electronic Know Your Customer (E-KYC) process for issuing mobile connections to subscribers' on 16.08.2016 after due consultations with Ministry of Home Affairs. This process is an alternative process to existing Proof of Identity/ Proof of Address documents based process.

However, recently Hon'ble Supreme Court, while disposing off the Writ Petition No. 607/2016 filed by Lokniti Foundation V/s Union of India, vide its order dated 06.02.2017 has directed for re-verification of all existing mobile subscribers through Aadhaar based E-KYC process preferably within a period of one year. In compliance to these orders, instructions have been issued to all Telecom Service Providers on 23.03.2017 for 100% E-KYC based re-verification of all existing mobile subscribers.
