

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5072
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019

AADHAAR ENROLMENT

5072. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that certain refugees meeting the criteria under the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 are being turned away at Aadhaar enrolment centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation;

(c) whether the Government has issued any directions to clarify that refugees meeting the criteria under the Aadhaar Act are eligible for Aadhaar enrolment, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government has issued directions to clarify that long-term visas are valid documentation to apply for Aadhaar and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): The provisions of The Aadhaar Act, 2016 and its Regulation thereunder entitles every resident of the country to obtain an Aadhaar number after undergoing the process of enrolment :

Provided that the central Government may, from time to time , notify such other category of individuals who may be entitled to obtain an Aadhaar number.

However, for the purpose of Aadhaar enrolment, the term “resident” is defined under Section 2(v) of the Act that an individual who has resided in India for a period or periods amounting in all to one hundred and eighty two days or more in the twelve months immediately preceding the date of application for enrolment.

(d): An indicative list of supporting documents accepted for verification of identity, address and date of birth (revised from time to time) is available at official website of UIDAI at the link: https://uidai.gov.in/images/commndoc/valid_documents_list.pdf. In accordance to Schedule II of Regulation 10 of Aadhaar (Enrolment & Update Regulation, 2016, Long Term Visa is not a valid document for Aadhaar enrolment.
