

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 548
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022

ILLEGAL WEBSITES

548. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

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

- (a) whether some illegal websites mentioned in the print media section are promising to provide services related to Aadhaar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures taken to examine the authenticity of such fake Aadhaar cards affecting the sovereignty and integrity of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. It has been reported that some websites are providing unauthorized Aadhaar related services such as downloading online Aadhaar letters, providing status of Aadhaar generation/updation, printing Aadhaar letters, PVC Card etc to the residents of India. On receipt of these reports, UIDAI has served notices to the concerned websites owners to restrain themselves from providing such unauthorized services by any means and also to hosting service providers to block defiant website with immediate effect. Since, Jan 2022, 11 websites has been stopped for offering such services.

(c) and (d): These websites do not have rights to enroll a resident and modify biometric information or link mobile number of resident in existing Aadhaar. Hence the issue of authenticity doesn't arise.
