

Blacklisting of Aadhaar operators

1368. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Aadhaar operators which have been blacklisted by Government till date along with the details thereof;
- (b) the status of the Aadhaar Cards issued by such operators; and
- (c) the initiatives taken by Government to ensure that no malpractices are indulged into by existing operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) As on date, about 50,000 Aadhaar enrolment operators have been suspended for violating process guidelines relating to Aadhaar enrolment.

(b) An operator is blacklisted mainly when he crosses a certain threshold of errors during enrolment. All such erroneous enrolments are rejected during quality checks. Hence, Aadhaar is not generated in respect of such enrolments. However, the eligible enrolments, free of any errors, result into Aadhaar generation.

(c) The Aadhaar Act, 2016 and the Regulations framed thereunder prescribe punitive actions for various offences related to Aadhaar. Regulation 26 of Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016 prescribes action against operators and others for violating any regulations, processes, standards, guidelines and orders issued by UIDAI with regard to enrolment of residents.

Further, UIDAI organises training and sensitization workshops for enrolment agencies and operators working under them on various issues of enrolment, from time to time.

Gram Panchayats under CSE network

1369. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government aims to establish self sustaining network of 2.5 lakh Common Service Centres (CSC) at Gram Panchayat level under 'Digital India-Pillar 3-Public Internet Access Programme-National Rural Internet Mission' to deliver various citizens centric service.

(b) the details of the total number of Gram Panchayats covered under the CSC network till now, State-wise and year-wise;