

- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) and (b) The Government of India under the Digital India Programme has envisaged the Digital village project to provide various Government to Citizen (G2C) Services and other associated services to citizens, especially living in the rural areas.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Till May, 2018, there were 2,95,486 Common Services Centres (CSCs) functioning across the country; among which, 2,10,314 CSCs are at Gram Panchayat (GP) level. The key objective of CSCs is to deliver various citizen centric services, such as Government to Citizen (G2C), Business to Citizen (B2C) services, financial inclusion services, educational services, skill development services etc. The CSCs function on a service delivery/transaction oriented self-sustainable entrepreneurship model, with the objective to enable non-discriminatory access to e-Services to citizens, especially in rural areas.

Biometric authentication failures

394. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Aadhaar-linked ration cards that have failed biometric authentication at Aadhaar-enabled PoS (Point of Sale) terminals since 2017, month-wise;

(b) whether Government is taking any steps to address biometric failures at Aadhaar-enabled PoS terminals in genuine cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) As per information received from Department of Food and Public Distribution, the details of the failed biometric authentication is not available with them. This information will have to be collected from States/UTs.

(b) and (c) Some States have introduced the features of Fusion finger, Iris readers etc. and use of antenna to reduce the instances of biometric/connectivity failures. Department of Food and Public Distribution has issued clear instructions to all States/

UTs that no beneficiary should be denied his/her entitled quota of subsidized food grains for want of Aadhaar or failure of biometric authentication due to network/connectivity/ linking issues/ poor biometric of the beneficiary or other technical reasons.

(d) Does not arise.

Boosting of BHIM App use

395. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether the use of state-run digital transactions BHIM application is falling to negligible 6.3% and the Government is setting targets for Government departments to boost the use of this application; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) The volume of digital payment transactions done on the BHIM application has increased from 31.9 Lakhs in April 2017 to 163.4 Lakhs in the month of June 2018. The volume of transactions on BHIM UPI platform has increased from 70.1 Lakhs in the month of April 2017 to 2463.7 Lakhs in the month of June 2018. The number of Banks offering BHIM UPI for the same period has increased from 48 to 110. The percentage share of BHIM application out of BHIM UPI platform works out 6.63% in June 2018. While the volume of transactions on BHIM App has increased over five fold during the same period, its share as a percent of all transactions on BHIM UPI platform has come down due to overall growth in the digital payment transactions, emergence and growth of new platforms.

Month-year	Volume of transactions		Number of Banks offering BHIM UPI	Percentage share of BHIM App out of BHIM-UPI
	BHIM App (In Lakhs)	BHIM UPI (In Lakhs)		
1	2	3	4	5
Apr-17	31.9	70.1	48	45.51%
May-17	39.8	91.7	49	43.40%
Jun-17	46.2	101.6	52	45.47%