

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%

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Jul-17	54.3	114.4	53	47.47%
Aug-17	68.1	166.1	55	41.00%
Sep-17	76	307.8	57	24.69%
Oct-17	76.3	767.7	60	9.94%
Nov-17	81.9	1048.4	61	7.81%
Dec-17	90.7	1454.6	67	6.24%
Jan-18	95.7	1518.3	71	6.30%
Feb-18	98.8	1714	86	5.76%
Mar-18	119.5	1780.5	91	6.71%
Apr-18	126	1900.8	97	6.63%
May-18	141.6	1894.8	101	7.47%
Jun-18	163.4	2463.7	110	6.63%

Source: <https://www.ncpi.org.in>.

(b) The Government is encouraging Departments to promote Digital Payments to make it more convenient for the citizens. Departments have been requested to improve payments acceptance infrastructure and to enable the citizens to pay by a variety of modes such as Internet banking, mobile banking, and mobile applications etc. including use of BHIM.

Data sharing by facebook without consent of users

396. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently, there were media reports claiming that Facebook has agreements which are allowing phone and other device manufacturers access to its users personal information, including that of their friends, without taking their explicit consent;

(b) whether Facebook has responded to earlier notices about breaches of personal data relating to the Cambridge Analytica episode and efforts to protect the privacy of users data on the platform; and