

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.- 1030

ANSWERED ON- 26/07/2022

LINKING AADHAAR WITH THE PAN

1030. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is levying penal fee on those citizens who have not linked PAN with Aadhaar;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a good number of people have so far not linked PAN with Aadhaar in the absence of wide awareness campaign in this context;
- (c) if so, whether Government will consider waiving off the penal fee and extend the time to link PAN with Aadhaar for at least during the current financial year; and
- (d) the number of PAN Cards that are issued in the last five years for individuals and companies separately?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a) Yes sir. Section 234H of the Income-tax Act, 1961 provides that where a person, who is required to intimate his Aadhaar under sub-section (2) of section 139AA and fails to do so on or before a prescribed date, he shall be liable to pay a fee of up to Rs. 1000. 31st March, 2022 has been notified as the prescribed date for intimating Aadhaar to link it with PAN. Further, through notification no.17/2022 dated 29.03.2022, the fee for failure to intimate Aadhaar before this date has been prescribed as Rs. 500 if the intimation is made within three months of the prescribed date (i.e., till 30.06.2022) and Rs. 1000, if the intimation is made after three months.
- (b) Wide publicity was given with regard to the need for linking of PAN with Aadhaar. The due date for linking of PAN with Aadhaar was extended from time to time to facilitate the PAN holders to link their PAN with Aadhaar. Due to these efforts, 46,70,66,691 PANs out of total Individual PANs of 61,73,16,313 were linked with Aadhaar, which implies that more than 75% of the PANs are now linked with Aadhaar.
- (c) No such proposal is under consideration.
- (d) Number of PANs issued in the last five years (from F.Y. 2017-18 to till date) for individuals are 33,16,85,857.
Number of PANs issued in the last five years (from F.Y. 2017-18 to till date) for companies are 7,62,145.
