

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6524
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2018**

AADHAAR CARD

6524. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made Aadhaar card mandatory for students appearing in NEET examination for MBBS and BDS; and

(b) if so, the details and purpose thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is the designated authority for conducting National – Eligibility –cum – Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to MBBS / BDS course. As per the information provided by CBSE, Aadhar was used for enrolment to NEET across the country, except for the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Meghalaya and Assam. Aadhaar helps in the following without disclosing the identity of the candidates:-

- i) The use of Aadhaar for the applicants of NEET-UG results in accuracy of the applicants' details.
- ii) This also helps in ascertaining identity of the applicants at the examination centres in a convenient and hassle free manner.
- iii) Aadhaar obviates the need to produce multiple documents to prove one's identity.
- iv) This helps to curb the practice of unfair means such as impersonation during the examination.

However, after the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 07.03.2018, other proofs of identity are also allowed like Ration card/passport/voter Identity card, Bank account etc.