## GOVERNNT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### LOK SABHA

### **UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 138**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022

#### **AADHAAR CENTRES**

#### 138. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

- (a) the number of Aadhaar Card Centres being operated in Jharkhand State;
- (b) the efforts being made to link Aadhaar card with Voter ID along with the details of the number of Voter ID Cards linked with Aadhaar in Jharkhand State, District-wise; and
- (c) whether any target has been set for linking Voter ID Card with Aadhaar Card and if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

- (a): About 2,700 Aadhaar centres were operational in the State of Jharkhand, as on 30.11.2022. In addition, the facility of enrolment of children below the age of five years and update of mobile number is also available in the State through around 560 handheld tablets, most of which are operated by postmen or hospital staff.
- (b) and (c): The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has conveyed to the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) and the Election Commission of India, authorisation of the Central Government for notifying under rule 5 of the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020, performance of Aadhaar authentication, on a voluntary basis, of voters in the National Voters' Service Portal / Voter Portal / Voter Helpline App / ERONET (the centralised software for electoral roll management and form processing). The details of authentication carried out pursuant to such authorisation are not maintained with the Ministry or the Unique Identification Authority of India.

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