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Title: Need to provide Aadhaar Cards to all the people in Anantpur parliamentary constituency in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI ANANTHA VENKATARAMI REDDY (ANANTAPUR): I want to highlight the problems of the people of my constituency, Anantapur, in procuring Aadhaar cards. Nearly ten lakh people have not yet received Aadhaar cards. The UPA Government is going to implement the welfare scheme for the beneficiaries by direct cash transfer to their accounts. This scheme is linked with the Aadhaar number. The villagers are agitated that they have not received Aadhaar cards.

According to Government figures, Anantapur district is in the first place in the distribution of Aadhaar cards. That is why it has been chosen for implementing the direct cash transfer scheme from January, 2013. The Government has issued instructions to the district administration to open bank accounts in respect of beneficiaries. As per Aadhaar cards banks accounts are required to be opened. The State Government has to inform the Central Government about the progress on issuing Aadhaar cards and opening of bank accounts by this month end. According to district administration officials, out of 40 lakh beneficiaries, 10 lakh beneficiaries are not in receipt of Aadhaar cards. Beneficiaries are having apprehensions that they will not receive direct cash transfer. Out of these 10 lakhs, 8 lakh beneficiaries have not received Aadhaar cards and remaining 2 lakh beneficiaries have undergone neither biometric nor IRIS tests.

Those who have applied for Aadhaar cards and in possession of receipt of the same, bank accounts may be opened. But what about people who have not yet received the Aadhaar cards?

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to complete the exercise of issuing of Aadhaar cards to the remaining ten lakh people at the earliest so that they can receive cash transfers in their bank accounts.