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Title: Regarding problems being faced by people to avail benefits under welfare schemes due to non authentication of identity through Aadhaar.

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI (BARRACKPUR): Madam Speaker, thank you very much for letting me highlight a serious issue related with Aadhaar.

Madam Speaker, Aadhaar was basically required for an efficient welfare scheme delivery system. But the very purpose of Aadhaar is not only getting defeated but also has become discriminatory and in the next two minutes I will tell you how it has so become. Aadhaar claims to make the delivery of welfare schemes more efficient by making people validate their identity through biometric authentication. However, there are numerous cases where the very authentication fails and the reason it fails is because people do not have the biometrics, like people who are affected with leprosy. बहुत बार यह देखा गया है कि उनकी अंगुलियां नहीं होती हैं।

Madam Speaker, you have been very kind and you understand that much better than anybody else. There are people who are elderly. This country is basically of farmers, labourers. उन लोगों की काम करते-करते अंगुलियों के बायोमैट्रिक्स खत्म हो जाते हैं। The same thing happens with the labourers also.

There was one case and that is why this issue is being highlighted here. There was one Sajida Begum, a resident at a leprosy hospital in Bengaluru who struggled to make her ends meet since her pension was stopped in August, 2017, which everybody is aware of, for lack of Aadhaar card. Finger prints and Iris scan are mandatory for Aadhaar verification. But those biometrics sometimes fail and we are aware as to why it does. The hospital authorities wrote on behalf of this lady. In this case they made an amend. But what I would like to say here, through you, is this – why can we not have a special mechanism where we do not need to have an advocacy and these kinds of people who fall in this category automatically are given?

Otherwise, we will be doing a great disservice to the poorest of the poor.

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