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Title: Need for creation of infrastructure for digital implementation of welfare schemes.

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA (BALASORE): It has been observed that lots of welfare schemes have been linked to the Aadhar number at the household level. Though introduced with good intention, the physical and digital infrastructure is not yet ready to absorb this change especially in interior rural parts. For example digitalising PDS involves installing "Point of Sale" (PoS) machines at PDS shops, and verifying the identity of cardholders by matching their fingerprints against the Aadhar database over the internet which requires multiple technologies to work at the same time: the PoS machine, the biometrics, the Internet connection, remote servers, and often other elements such as the local mobile network.

Therefore, I request the Government to take serious note of this serious issue and prioritize infrastructure creation, which is a prerequisite for a successful implementation of the digitalisation process of welfare schemes.