

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1561
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27-12-2017

PRIVACY OF AADHAR DATA

**1561. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:
SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Aadhaar data has been placed in the public domain as a measure of proactive disclosure under the RTI Act by Government and various Institutional websites;
- (b) if so, the responsibility fixed in case there is any breach or leakage of Aadhaar data to any unscrupulous/fraud agencies;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the UIDAI has clarified that Aadhaar was not a secret number and could be shared with authorized agencies when an Aadhaar holder wishes to get service or benefit of Government schemes; and
- (d) if so, whether the Government has put any measures/mechanism to control fraudulent activities;
- (e) whether it is fact that usage of Aadhaar Card for bank accounts and mobile phone is not secure and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the number of complaints registered for unauthorized disclosure of Aadhaar data and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ALPHONS KANNANTHANAM)

(a) and (b): It was found that approximately 210 websites of Central Government & State Government departments including educational institutes were displaying the list of beneficiaries along with their name, address, other details and Aadhaar numbers for information of general public. The concerned departments were instructed to remove the Aadhaar and other personal data from the said websites. In addition, the Central and State Governments have also been advised to sensitize all Ministries/ Departments to take all precautions while publishing or sharing data on their websites and ensure compliance of Aadhaar Act, 2016 and Information Technology Act, 2000. However, No Aadhaar data with UIDAI has been placed in the public domain.

(c) and (d): Aadhaar number is not a secret number. Service or benefits of Government schemes are provided to the Aadhaar holders as per the provisions of Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act 2016. Sharing of information with the authorised agencies is done as per the provisions of the Aadhaar Act 2016. Section 29 (1) of the Aadhaar Act 2016 read together with Regulation 3(1) of the Aadhaar (Sharing of information) Regulations, 2016 categorically states that no core biometric information, collected or created under the Aadhaar Act, shall be shared with anyone for any reason whatsoever; or used for any

purpose other than generation of Aadhaar numbers and authentication under the Act. Also, Regulation 4(1) of the Aadhaar (Sharing of information) Regulations, 2016 provides that core biometric information collected or captured by a requesting entity from Aadhaar number holder at the time of authentication shall not be shared for any reason whatsoever. Further, Section 30 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 applies the rigours of the IT Act, 2000 and the rules thereunder whereby Biometric Information is deemed to be Sensitive personal information.

(e): No, Sir.

(e): There has been no complaint for unauthorized disclosure of Aadhaar data from UIDAI.
