

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4332
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21-03-2018

MISUSE OF AADHAAR DATA

4332. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any penal action against the private companies that have misused Aadhaar data, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether any action has been taken against the 210 State/Central Government websites on which Aadhaar details were made public, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the extent to which foreign companies have access to Aadhaar database and bio-metric information of citizens; and
- (d) whether the Government will take measures to restrict private and foreign firms from accessing bio-metric information stored in Aadhaar database, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI K. J. ALPHONS)

(a): There has been no instance which has been reported where Aadhaar data has been misused by Private companies.

(b): It was found that approximately 210 websites of Central Government, State Government departments and some 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/websites were instructed to remove the Aadhaar and other personal data from the said websites. In addition, the Central and State Governments have 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.

(c): No foreign company has access to Aadhaar database and bio-metric information of the residents.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.
