

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 101
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-12-2017

STEPS TO CHECK MISUSE OF AADHAAR INFORMATION

101. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Aadhaar information is being misused after hacking. If so, the reason therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by government to check hacking of Aadhaar information for ensuring privacy of citizens?

ANSWER

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

(a): It is submitted that no incidents of data breach and hacking have been reported so far in respect of Aadhaar Data with Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

(b): Government is fully alive to the need to maintain highest level of data security, privacy and is deploying the necessary technology and infrastructure. The architecture of Aadhaar ecosystem has been designed to ensure non-duplication, data integrity and other related management aspects of security & privacy in Aadhaar database. Security is an integral part of the system from the initial design to the final stage. Security of Aadhaar data is monitored at all the times i.e. at rest, in transit and in storage. UIDAI has also been certified as per international standard, namely ISO 27001: 2013 by STQC in respect of Information Security Management System which has added another layer of IT security assurance. UIDAI-Central Identities Data Repository (CIDR) has been declared as a Protected System in pursuance of sub-section (1) of Section 70 of the Information Technology Act 2000 by National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre.

Additionally, various policies and procedures have been defined clearly which are reviewed and updated continually, thereby appropriately controlling and monitoring any movement of people, material and data in and out of UIDAI premises, particularly the data centres. Physical security of UIDAI Data Centres is being managed by armed CISF personnel. Further, strengthening of security of data is an ongoing process, and all possible steps are being taken in this regard. Chapter VI (Protection of Information) of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 ("The Aadhaar Act") and the Aadhaar (Data Security) Regulations, 2016 framed thereunder have been specifically drafted keeping in account the various security requirements in respect of data collected by UIDAI.
