

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2009**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2018

**ERRONEOUS PUBLISHING OF AADHAAR DETAILS BY GOVERNMENT WEBSITES**

**2009. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:**

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

- (a) the number of Aadhaar agencies blacklisted by Government along with the details thereof;
- (b) the number of Government websites which have erroneously published the Aadhaar details of persons and the number of persons so affected along with the details thereof;
- (c) the details of initiatives taken by Government to protect the Aadhaar details of citizens; and
- (d) the action initiated by Government against public websites for leaking the details of citizens by publishing their Aadhaar details?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA)

(a): UIDAI has suspended enrolment operations/not extended the empanelment of 15 Enrolment agencies for violations of UIDAI processes/ non-adherence to security provisions/ non compliance to Aadhaar Act, 2016 and the Regulations framed thereunder.

(b), (c) and (d): 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 vide OM No. 10(36)/2015-EG(Vol-V) dated 25th March, 2017 and D.O. No. NIC/DDG (SBS)/IT Act/2017 dated 24th April, 2017.

Further, UIDAI has a well –designed, multilayered robust security system in place and the same is being constantly upgraded to maintain the highest level of data security and integrity. UIDAI has adequate legal, organisational and technological measures in place for the security of the data stored with UIDAI. Data protection measures have also been mandated for the requesting entities and ecosystem partners to ensure the security of data. 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. Additionally, various policies and procedures have been defined clearly which are reviewed and updated periodically, thereby, appropriately controlling and monitoring security of data.

There are multiple layers of security at physical level in UIDAI Data Centres and is being managed by armed CISO personnel round the clock. Strengthening of security of data is an ongoing process and all possible steps are being taken in this regard. Further, Chapter VI (Protection of Information) of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other subsidies, Benefits and services) Act, 2016 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.

Security Audits are conducted on regular basis by Standardization Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) Directorate, which is an attached office of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. UIDAI has been declared ISO 27001:2013 certified by STQC with respect to Information Security which has added another layer of information security assurance. Further, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of Section 70 of the IT Act 2000, UIDAI data has also been declared as Protected System by National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre.

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