

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*257
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10-08-2018

REGISTRATION OF CASES FOR PUBLISHING AADHAAR DETAILS

***257. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:**

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Question 1364, Starred Question 5, Starred Question 155, Unstarred Question 1690 and Starred Question 421 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29 December, 2017, 2 February 2018, 9 March, 2018, 9 March, 2018 and 6 April, 2018 respectively and state:

- (a) whether cases have been registered against 210 Government websites and webportals which had published Aadhaar details of Government schemes, beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, website and portal-wise, along with the dates of registration of cases; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for filing of FIR only against the journalists for reporting massive leak of Aadhaar data on WhatsApp for ` 500/- only?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c): The report in media about “Rs 500, 10 minutes, and you have access to billion Aadhaar details” was a case of misreporting and is completely false.

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), for the purpose of grievance handling, has provided search facility to state government officials which provide demographic information of the person whose enrolment ID or Aadhaar is provided. The reported case was case of misuse of the said facility.

Accordingly, UIDAI has filed a complaint on 4th Jan 2018 with full details of the incident on which an FIR no. 9/18 of PS Crime branch dated 5/1/2018 has been registered in Cyber Cell of Delhi Police against unknown persons for violations of Section 36 and 37 of Aadhaar Act, 2016, Section 419, 420, 468 and 471 of IPC and Section 66 of IT Act, 2000.
