

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2969
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 11.08.2017

PROTECTION OF PRIVACY OF DATA

2969 SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN:

Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government is aware of statements like 'data is oil', which highlights interests of corporates in getting control of massive data for use as commodity;
- (b) in this background, how Government intends to protect the privacy of data of individuals, families, etc., so that they are not used as parts in the cut throat war among corporates;
- (c) the guarantees made by Government to protect data; and
- (d) if not, the effective steps including legislation if intended to be adopted by Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): The provisions contained in Section 43, Section 43A, Section 72 and section 72A of the Information Technology Act, 2000 provide for privacy and security of data in digital form. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has recently been mandated to develop a legal framework for Data Protection for protection of online personal data. An Expert Committee under the chairmanship of Justice Shri B N Srikrishna has been set up to work out the modalities.
