GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1840
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 17.03.2017

UNAUTHORISED AUTHENTICATION AND IMPERSONATION
BY ILLEGALLY STORING AADHAAR DATA

1840. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that there have been attempts of unauthorized
authentication and impersonation by illegally storing Aadhaar biometric data;
(b) the details of the number of cases of intentionally copying Aadhaar data provided under
Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act,
2016; and
(c) whether the Ministry is taking steps to ensure data protection and encryption, if so, the
details therof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. An incidence has come to the notice where one Aadhaar Number Holder
authenticated using his stored biometric. Formal FIR has been lodged and the police
investigation is on.

(c): The Core Aadhaar Biometric data (Finger print/Iris) stored in the Central Identities Data
Repository is never shared with any entity. The resident's Personal Identity Information (PII)
data is encrypted for both enrolment and authentication transactions using 2048 bit public key
of UIDAI. Once encrypted, it can be decrypted only by using UIDAI private key which is
securely stored in Hardware Security Module (HSM) device.

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