GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 886
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09-02-2018

LINKING OF DRIVING LICENCE WITH AADHAAR

886.   SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will soon start linking driving licence with Aadhaar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that serious concerns have been raised about the security of Aadhaar data; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the biometric information, which includes iris scan and fingerprints, is stored in an encrypted form and is very secure?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): As per information received from Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, a draft notification to amend the form of application for license to drive a motor vehicle and the form of driving license, as prescribed in the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, has been submitted to Ministry of Law & Justice, Legislative Department for legal vetting. Aadhaar card has been incorporated as one of the options in the list of documents to be submitted by the applicant as proof of address and age. However, if an applicant does not have an Aadhaar card, there is a provision for submission of other alternative documents like passport, birth certificate, Life insurance policy etc.

(c): There have been instances of concerns being raised on the security of Aadhaar data. All the concerns raised regarding the security, have been dealt with and addressed by Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). Adequate legal, organizational and technological measures are in place for the security of the data stored with UIDAI.

(d): Yes, Sir. Biometric information including iris scan and fingerprints is securely stored in an encrypted form at UIDAI's Central Identities Data Repository (CIDR).

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