GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*49
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05-02-2020

MISUSE OF AADHAAR DATA

*49.   SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the rampant Aadhaar Fraud in the Kalyana Lakshmi Shaadi Mubarak Welfare Scheme introduced by the Telangana Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has initiated any investigation in this regard and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to stop such misuse of Aadhaar data?

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ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA   STARRED QUESTION NUMBER *49 FOR 05-02-2020 REGARDING MISUSE OF AADHAAR DATA ………

(a) It has been reported by Government of Telangana that there is no rampant Aadhaar fraud reported in the Kalyana Lakshmi / Shaadi Mubarak Scheme of the Government of Telangana.

(b) and (c): Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d): For security of Aadhaar data, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has a well-designed, multi-layer robust security system in place and the same is being constantly upgraded to maintain highest level of data security and integrity. The architecture of Aadhaar ecosystem has been designed to ensure data security and privacy which is an integral part of the system from the initial design to the final stage.

Various policies and procedures have been defined and are reviewed and updated continually thereby appropriately controlling and monitoring any movement of people, material and data in and out of UIDAI premises, particularly the Aadhaar centres. UIDAI data is fully secured/encrypted at all times i.e., at rest, in transit and in storage. For further strengthening of security and privacy of data, security audits are conducted on regular basis. The security assurance of Aadhaar ecosystem has been strengthened with enactment of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 and subsequently the Aadhaar and Other Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019 which has stringent penalties/punishments for offenders.

UIDAI has been declared ISO 27001:2013 certified with respect to information security, which has added another layer of IT security assurance. In pursuance of sub-section(1) of Section 70 of IT Act, 2000, UIDAI has also been declared as Protected System by National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre.

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