

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3430
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022

ILLEGAL USE OF AADHAAR BIOMETRICS

3430. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding illegal use of Aadhaar biometrics in the country;
- (b) if so, the details on attempting unauthorised authentication and impersonation therein;
- (c) the details of such modus operandi and the financial loss incurred thereon during the last three years; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) to (c): Some cases have been reported of attempted unauthorized access to the authentication system using a gummy finger of an authorized operator/personnel. In all such cases FIR have been lodged for unauthorized authentication cases. UIDAI has a strong and rigorous process of identifying such types of cases and ensuring that these are reported to the concerned Law Enforcement Agencies for necessary action.

The data, as available with NPCI, for the frauds reported to it by member banks for the past 3 years is as follows:

FY	Unique Customer Count	Transaction Count	Amount (Lacs)
FY-19-20	497	1370	94
FY-20-21	1200	3755	268
FY21-22	2391	8739	648
Grand Total	4088	13864	1010

(d): UIDAI uses various methods/audits/advocacy to ensure that Aadhaar system is robust and highly secure. The security of its entire authentication system is reviewed from time to time.
