

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 693
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2019

BREACH OF AADHAAR DATA

693. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

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

- (a) whether the Aadhaar data contains both core biometric information and other demographic information of citizens and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total instances of data breach in the last five years of the Aadhaar database, of core biometric information and other demographic information; and
- (c) whether the breach of demographic information is harmful for the citizens and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a): Aadhaar database contains only the minimal information such as name, address, gender, date of birth/age, photograph and biometrics (10 fingerprints and 2 iris scans) of the enrolled resident which he/ she provides at the time of enrolment or update. The database may also have optional information such as mobile and email for communication purpose/sending OTP, if resident wishes so.

(b): There has never been any reported instance of data breach from Aadhaar servers/ database (Central Identities Data Repository), of core biometric information and other demographic information from Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

(c): Does not arise in view of (b) above.
