GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1287
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th March 2023)

DIGI YATRA

1287.   SHRI AYODHYA RAMI REDDY ALLA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government plans to integrate foreign/ Indian passports/ e-passports in the future, as the Digi Yatra supports passengers with AADHAAR, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which Government is ensuring that Digi Yatra technology is used with trust-based frameworks towards public service delivery as it is equally necessary for public adoption and success of such tech-enabled solution; and

(c) whether Government has issued any guidelines to punish and prohibit the misappropriation of the data collected under Digi Yatra platform, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

 (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a): Aeronautical Information Circular No. 09/2022 issued by DGCA on 18.04.2022 provides that Digi Yatra credentials be created by the passenger with a Government of India Identity that is possible to be validated digitally. These include Aadhar, passports and e-passports. Presently, Digi Yatra supports passengers only with Aadhar.

(b): For ensuring public adoption and success of Digi Yatra, the Digi Yatra Central Ecosystem (DYCE) is built on the fundamental tenets of privacy by design/default and there is no central storage of passenger's Personally Identifiable Information (PII) data thereby mitigating the data loss, theft and leakage issues. All the passenger data is encrypted and stored in the passenger's smartphone wallet and shared only for a limited time duration with the origin airport where passenger ID needs to be validated. The data is purged from the system after 24 hours of the departure of the flight.

(c): Does not arise, as there is no central storage of passenger's Personally Identifiable Information (PII) data and all the passenger data is encrypted and stored in the passenger's smartphone wallet.

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