DATA LEAKS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

1514.   DR. FAUZIA KHAN:

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

(a)   whether Government is aware of the recent data leaks of the CoWin vaccination;
(b)   if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure no such data leaks take place in the future;
(c)   the details of the implementation of EHR (Electronic Health records) in India;
(d)   whether Government intends to bring in a legislation that specifically ensures that health data remains secure;
(e)   if so, the details thereof; and
(f)   if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a)   to   (f):   To ensure safety of the personal and biometric data of the citizens on the Co-WIN App /Portal, Ministry of Health and family Welfare (MoHFW) has taken following measures:

- Beneficiary can access vaccination details by registered mobile number through OTP authentication only.

- Mobile Numbers, Aadhaar Number & other Photo ID Card numbers of beneficiary are masked. Only last 4 characters are visible to users (service providers) of Co-WIN.

- Complete Co-WIN database is encrypted using "Encryption Algorithm" key to protect citizen data and data integrity is maintained for all vital information.

- Two factor authentication features (Password & OTP) while login by the users (service providers) is put in place restricting unauthorised access to Co-WIN.

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