DIGITAL LOCKER

4380.   SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

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

(a)   whether the Government has recently integrated the DigiLocker with UIDAI and if so, the details and the benefits thereof;

(b)   the number of persons who are actively using the DigiLocker to store their documents;

(c)   the steps being taken by the Government to promote the use of the DigiLocker by the citizens;

(d)   whether the proposed National Academic Depository will also be integrated with the DigiLocker in the future; and

(e)   the data security standards of the DigiLocker and the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the security of the data stored in the DigiLocker.

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has integrated DigiLocker with UIDAI. Digital Aadhaar card copy is made available in the DigiLocker account of citizen after successful registration in the Digital Locker account by the citizen. This card can be used by beneficiary for availing various services such as loan application, job application, bank account opening, etc.

(b): There are total of 48,08,258 DigiLocker accounts as on 27-March-2017 till 11:15 AM.

(c):   Following steps are being taken by the Government to promote the use of DigiLocker by citizens.

- Regular email campaigns for all the registered users are done.
- Daily SMSs are sent to all the relevant citizens (whose DigiLocker account is present or whose Issued documents are available in DigiLocker).
- Online awareness campaigns are done periodically.
- Regular meetings / workshops are done with various Central / State Government Ministries / Departments to come on board DigiLocker and to encourage use of DigiLocker in their system.

(d): Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) is the nodal Ministry for National Academic Depository (NAD) for academic institutes. Digital Locker has the technical capability to integrate with NAD.

(e): Following steps are being taken by the Government to ensure the security of the data stored in the DigiLocker.

- DigiLocker has dedicated servers which are located in a secure ISO 27001 certified, state of the art Tier 3 NIC data centre.
- Regular security audits of DigiLocker application are done by Standardisation Testing and Quality Certification (STQC).
- Entire communication on DigiLocker happens on a secure SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) channel. DigiLocker website uses VeriSign SSL certificate.
- Any communication between APIs (Application Programming Interface) is done in encrypted manner using secret key mechanism. Only after the authentication is successful, further processing of any request takes place.
- DigiLocker architecture is based on latest open source components known for their robust and secure performance.
- Whitelisting of the IP addresses of an Organization is done for secure communication.
- Exhaustive audit logs of all the transactions done by any DigiLocker account are maintained.
- Constant monitoring of the network is done by an in-house team to ensure prompt addressal of any issue.

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