GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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FACE ID RECOGNITION AT AIRPORTS

2831.　　**SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
　　　　　नागर विमानन मंत्री　　　　　　　　　　　**be pleased to state:-**

(a) whether the Government proposes to consider more airports for enrollment under Digiyatra and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent breach of data gathered through face ID Recognition at airports?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
　　　नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री　　　　　　**(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)**

(a): Digi Yatra is planned to be introduced at all the airports across the country in a phased manner.

(b): The Digi Yatra Central Ecosystem (DYCE) is built on the fundamental tenets of privacy. By design/default, there is no central storage of passenger's Personally Identifiable Information (PII) data. The Digi Yatra Foundation or any company/entity does not store any personal information of the user. 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. Hence, the issue of breach of data gathered through face ID Recognition at airports does not arise.

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