

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3690  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**PROVISION TO PREVENT MISUSE OF PRIVACY AND SENSITIVE  
INFORMATION**

**3690. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:**

**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Data Innovation Lab is limited to urban areas only or also rural/backward areas are included under it, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) the details of the provisions to prevent misuse of privacy and sensitive information of citizens?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]**

**(a): The Data Innovation Lab is an initiative launched by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation under Capacity Development Scheme of the Ministry, to promote innovation in the field of Official Statistics, by creating an ecosystem for experimentation. It is applicable across the country.**

**(b): The innovation under DI Lab would be undertaken on publicly available data. However, clause regarding confidentiality and privacy have been suitably incorporated in contract and Memorandum of Understanding to be signed with various stakeholders under this initiative to prevent any misuse of privacy and sensitive information of citizens.**

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