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SAFETY OF INFORMATION UNDER UID

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(a)whether there is a risk of theft of personal information collected under UID project:

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)if not, the response of the Government in this regard; and

(d)the steps taken by the Government to ensure safety of the information collected under UID ?

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:-

ANSWER

 MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

 (a) & (b): No, Madam,

 (c) &(d):UIDAI has taken several measures to ensure security of resident data, encompassing physical security, access control, network security, stringent audit mechanism, 24x7 monitoring and measures such as data partitioning and data encryption. The general philosophy of UIDAI is to build an operating model which is inclusive at the front end but uses extremely sophisticated software, biometrics, fraud analytics, data mining at the back end to achieve desired level of data security, improving efficiency and safeguarding privacy.

 Standardization Testing and Quality Certificate (STQC) an attached office of Department of Information and Technology, Ministry of Communication and Technology has audited the UIDAI software applications and the IT Infrastructure Security Audit for Data Centres.