GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2107 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2020

HIRING OF SOCIAL MEDIA MONITORING AGENCY

2107 SHRI A.K.SELVARAJ:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that UIDAI has decided to drop its decision to hire a social media monitoring agency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the said move was meant to mount surveillance on social media platforms; and
- (d) if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): The said tender was floated through Central Public Procurement (CPP) Portal by UIDAI on 18.07.2018 and was not pursued further and thus automatically cancelled.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.
