GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 699
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 04.12.2015

MAKING AADHAR CARD MANDATORY FOR
DIGITAL INDIA PROGRAMME SCHEMES

699   SHRI M.D. NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of Communications & Information Technology be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government has made Aadhaar Card mandatory for the schemes under Digital India Programme;

(b) if so, the details of all such schemes and benefits where this is mandatory;

(c) whether concern has been raised regarding storage of Aadhaar card data;

(d) if so, the steps undertaken by government to ensure security of data under Aadhaar schemes and;

(e) whether the Ministry will pay to UIDAI for using Aadhaar information under the schemes of Digital India?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a):   No. Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): A well-designed and robust data security system is in place. The architecture of Aadhaar ecosystem has been designed to ensure data security, privacy, non-duplication, data integrity and related aspects. Additionally, security audits are also conducted. A multilayer approach is adopted in providing security measures with multiple formats being used at different steps from the point of collection to the ending stage. Further, UIDAI has been declared STQC ISO 27001:2013 certified and also been identified to be declared as "Critical Infrastructure" by National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) adding another layer of IT security assurance.

(e):   At present, Services of UIDAI for using Aadhaar Information are being offered to the Ministry (DeitY) free of cost.

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