

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2813
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2018

WEBSITES AND MOBILE APPLICATIONS BANNED BY UIDAI

2813. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

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

- (a) whether UIDAI has banned some websites like aadhaarupdate.com, getaadhaar.com, etc; and
- (b) if so, the full list of websites and mobile applications that have been banned by UIDAI, along with the details like the Aadhaar services that these websites were providing, who were operating these websites, since when these websites were operating, how many Aadhaar holders' data they had obtained and whether FIR had been filed against such websites?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) and (b): Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) does not ban any website. However, with regard to website/ mobile applications that were found to be providing unauthorised Aadhaar related services to residents, UIDAI had forwarded an official complaint to Indian Computer Emergency Response Team and M/s Google India in this regard. The illegal/ un-authorized websites were blocked by Department of Telecommunication, while the un-authorized mobile applications were removed from the Google Play store.

It is submitted that there has been no instance of Aadhaar data or biometrics being obtained by these websites from UIDAI database.

An FIR under section(s)- 66(d) of IT Act and 420 of IPC was filed on 30.05.2017 against the websites providing un-authorized Aadhaar related services to residents.
