

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.\*33**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20-07-2018

**TWO-TIER SECURITY AND ISSUANCE OF  
VIRTUAL ID FOR AADHAAR DATABASE**

**\*33. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has proposed two-tier security in the wake of breach of Aadhaar database and to protect privacy of individuals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Virtual ID will be issued for transaction that will be shared with various agencies and by when it would be implemented; and
- (d) the steps taken to create general awareness of Virtual ID facility among all the Aadhaar holders in various parts of the country, including villages?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA  
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(a) and (b): Aadhaar today is backed by a proper law passed by the Parliament which contains robust security measures and protects privacy. It remains a fact that the Aadhaar has been challenged in the judicial forum and that the final verdict is awaited. However, it is to be noted that Aadhaar has been issued to 121.65 crore residents as on 30.6.2018. Aadhaar has evolved as an instrument for promoting good governance and enabling the poor to rightfully secure their due benefits by availing all direct transfer of benefits to their Aadhaar linked bank accounts which number 60.22 crore as on 30.6.2018. The UIDAI continues to update the security architecture to ensure that there is no breach of data.

(c): Virtual ID (VID) is a temporary, revocable 16-digit random number mapped with the Aadhaar number and the Aadhaar number holder can use VID in lieu of Aadhaar number for authentication purposes. The requesting entities will not store VID in their database. UIDAI vide circular No. 10 dated 29.06.2018 has directed all Requesting Entities to upgrade to VID system as per the timelines mentioned in the circular ([https://uidai.gov.in/images/resource/Circular\\_10\\_Dated\\_29\\_June.pdf](https://uidai.gov.in/images/resource/Circular_10_Dated_29_June.pdf)) (copy enclosed at Annexure).

(d): UIDAI has publicized the VID through various media viz. print, electronic, social media, Radio, etc. since January 2018. The awareness and outreach campaigning is a continuous process.

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