

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*5
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02-02-2018

**UNRESTRICTED AVAILABILITY OF AADHAAR
DETAILS ON SOCIAL MEDIA APP**

***5. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that more than one billion unrestricted Aadhaar details were available on WhatsApp for just Rs. five hundred, as per a recent report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether UIDAI has filed FIR against the whistle blowers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

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

**STATEEMNT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED
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(a) and (b): Aadhaar data is fully safe and secure and there has not been a single case of data breach from Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)'s database. The report in media about "*Rs 500, 10 minutes, and you have access to billion Aadhaar details*" was a case of misreporting and is completely false.

UIDAI, for the purpose of grievance handling, has provided search facility to State Government officials, which provide demographic information of the person whose enrolment ID or Aadhaar is provided. The reported case was a case of misuse of the said facility.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. UIDAI has filed a complaint on 4th Jan 2018 with full details of the incident, on which an FIR no. 9/18 of PS Crime branch dated 05th Jan 2018 has been registered in Cyber Cell of Delhi Police against unknown persons for violations of Section 36 and 37 of Aadhaar Act, 2016, Section 419, 420, 468 and 471 of IPC and Section 66 of IT Act, 2000/8.
