

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2652**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2019

**OPTION TO EXIT FROM AADHAAR**

**2652. DR. SANJAY SINH:**  
**SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:**

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

- (a) whether UIDAI has received requests for opting-out of Aadhaar scheme, post Supreme Court judgement on Aadhaar, if so, action taken thereon;
- (b) whether UIDAI has created an option to exit from Aadhaar scheme, if not, when would it allow such an option as per the judgement, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;
- (c) whether UIDAI has prepared plans to delete all Aadhaar data with banks and telecoms under the judgement and details thereof; and
- (d) whether UIDAI has stopped use of Aadhaar Based Attendance System to comply with the judgement, to use Aadhaar only for subsidies, if not, reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Request for opting out of Aadhaar received. The UIDAI has not created a general option to exit from the Aadhaar Scheme. Pursuant to the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition No. 494 of 2012 Justice Puttaswamy (Retd) & Ans Vs UOI & Ors (26.9.18), such an exit scheme has only been mandated for children who have been enrolled with consent of their parents, who shall be given an option to exit on attaining the age of majority provided they do not intend to avail the benefits of the scheme (pg.556, majority judgement of Sikri J.). Accordingly, necessary steps to formulate such an exit scheme for children attaining majority is being created. No general option to exit from Aadhaar was laid down by the Hon'ble court as a binding direction and consequently no such option has been created.

(c): The compliance of the provisions of the Aadhaar Act,2016 and the Honble Supreme court judgement, interalia, including deletion of Aadhaar data, requires to be done by the concerned requesting entity on receipt of request by Aadhaar number holder.

(d): Role of UIDAI is limited to issuance of Aadhaar number and providing authentication services for establishing identity of the Aadhaar number holder. Applications that use such authentication services are administered by various Central Ministries, State Governments, agencies etc.

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