693. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

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

(a) whether the Aadhaar data contains both core biometric information and other demographic information of citizens and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total instances of data breach in the last five years of the Aadhaar database, of core biometric information and other demographic information; and

(c) whether the breach of demographic information is harmful for the citizens and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): Aadhaar database contains only the minimal information such as name, address, gender, date of birth/age, photograph and biometrics (10 fingerprints and 2 iris scans) of the enrolled resident which he/she provides at the time of enrolment or update. The database may also have optional information such as mobile and email for communication purpose/sending OTP, if resident wishes so.

(b): There has never been any reported instance of data breach from Aadhaar servers/database (Central Identities Data Repository), of core biometric information and other demographic information from Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

(c): Does not arise in view of (b) above.

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