

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TECHNOLOGY
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Unauthorised authentication and impersonation by illegally storing Aadhaar data

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

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that there have been attempts of unauthorized authentication and impersonation by illegally storing Aadhaar biometric data;
- (b) the details of the number of cases of intentionally copying Aadhaar data provided under Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016; and
- (c) whether the Ministry is taking steps to ensure data protection and encryption, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. An incidence has come to the notice where one Aadhaar Number Holder authenticated using his stored biometric. Formal FIR has been lodged and the police investigation is on.

(c): The Core Aadhaar Biometric data (Finger print/Iris) stored in the Central Identities Data Repository is never shared with any entity. The resident's Personal Identity Information (PII) data is encrypted for both enrolment and authentication transactions using 2048 bit public key of UIDAI. Once encrypted, it can be decrypted only by using UIDAI private key which is securely stored in Hardware Security Module (HSM) device.
