

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1290
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LOSS OF BIOMETRIC DATA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large amount of data collected under the National Population Register (NPR) including biometric data of citizens have been lost;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons identified therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry has conducted any inquiry to fix the responsibility regarding the persons/agencies responsible for the data loss;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the responsible persons/agencies; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to correct the situation and avoid inconvenience to the citizens?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) & (d): Question does not arise.

(e): Sufficient precautions like storing of data in different hardware and minimum of two physical locations have been implemented to avoid any data loss.