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To,

The Station House Officer,
Madhapur Police Station,
Hyderabad

Sir,

Sub: Lodging of an FIR

1. We have received a communication dated 15.03.19 from IG of Police, West Zone, Hyderabad, the communication states as follows:-

"With reference to the subject and reference cited, it is to submit that on the complaint of Sri T.Lokeswara Reddy R/o Hyderabad about the illegal access and fraudulent use of sensitive identity information such as Aadhaar Number Voter Identity details including color photographs, beneficiary details of various Government Schemes and the data related to surveys conducted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh were misused by IT GRIDS (INDIA) Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad through "Seva Mitra Application", a case vide reference 1st cited was registered on 02.03.2019 and the same is now being investigated into by Special Investigation Team, constituted vide reference 2nd cited.

Investigation so far revealed that Seva Mitra Application is suspected to be using stolen voter information along with Aadhaar data of the State Governments of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh for voter profiling, targeted campaigning and even deletion of votes.

During the course of investigation, search was conducted in the premises of IT GRIDS (INDIA) Pvt Ltd on 02/03/2019 & 03/03/2019, 7 Hard Disks and other digital evidence were seized from the scene of crime. The seized digital evidence was sent to Telangana State Forensic Science Laboratory (TSFSL) for forensic examination. TSFSL in its preliminary report has stated that "data related is huge in the material objects and requires extensive analysis". Moreover the report of TSFSL has categorically stated that the seized Hard Disks contain a

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database of a large number of records pertaining to Aadhaar number in a particular structural database.

Strengthening the suspicion, upon further examination of the digital evidence it was discovered that a whopping 78221397 records of Aadhaar data belonging to the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh were found and used by IT GRIDS (INDIA) Pvt Ltd for the purpose of Seva Mitra Application belonging to Telugu Desam Party. Further, it is also pertinent to bring it to your notice that the structure and size of the database is surprisingly similar to that of databases that could have been originally owned by Unique Identification Authority of India.

In the course of Investigation, records of the following five persons

- Muddanalaligari Jayamohan Reddy (Aadhaar No. XXXX XXXX 3340)
- Akkala Maddileti Reddy (Aadhaar No XXXX XXXX 8414)
- Akula Ravi Kumar (Aadhaar No. XXXX XXXX 7063)
- Abdas Venkata Pratap (Aadhaar No. XXXX XXXX 8041)
- Complainant: Thummala Lokeswara Reddy (Aadhaar No. XXXX XXXX 1523)

furnished by the complainant were verified by TSFSL and records of above five members were found in the seized hard disks having following fields

- UID_NUM
- EID_NUM
- CITIZEN_NAME
- FATHER_HUSBAND_GUARDIAN_NAME
- DOB_DT
- VILLAGE NAME
- MANDAL NAME
- DISTRICT_ID
- DISTRICT NAME
- PIN CODE
- VTC_CODE
- VTC_NAME
- CITIZEN_PHONE NO
- GENDER
- STATECODE
- STATENAME
- CITIZEN_NAME_LOCAL
- CAREOF_NAME_Local

The sample records certified by TSFSL are enclosed.

The presence of EID_NUM raises a strong suspicion that the data could have been obtained either from Central Identities Data Repository (CIDR) or one of the State Resident Data Hubs (SRDH) aligned to CIDR. Availability of such unique information of an Aadhaar Number indicates that the accused in the case might have illegally accessed CIDR or SRDH and has used such information or data for wrongful gain. The accused is in possession of such a sensitive database in a removable storage, which is in contravention of Section 38(g), Section 38(h) of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, benefits and services) Act, 2016, Section 40 and Section 42 of Aadhaar Act, 2016.

Further, it is strongly believed that Identity Information related to Aadhaar is being used by the accused, who is Director of IT GRIDS (INDIA) Pvt Ltd for the purpose of mapping of voters with beneficiaries of various Government Schemes and results of surveys conducted by the Government in contravention of the Section 29 (3) of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, benefits and services) Act, 2016. Moreover, illegal access and possession of sensitive identity information of Aadhaar with a private entity is in violation of Sec 72(A), Section 65 and Sec 66(B) of IT Act, 2008.

It is also relevant to bring it to your notice that as per Aadhaar (Sharing of Information) Regulations, 2016, there are stringent restrictions on sharing, circulating or publishing of Aadhaar Number. However, the Directors of IT Grids (INDIA) Pvt Ltd are suspected to have hosted databases related to Aadhaar number and related identity information in Amazon Web Services, which is in clear contravention of Rule 6(4) of above mentioned regulations. The evidence gathered so far points to the fact that the accused has hosted the Aadhaar database in Amazon Web Services, USA in contravention of Section 44 of Aadhaar Act, 2016. Further, it is strongly suspected that the accused could have illegally stored Aadhaar database of not only Telangana and Andhra Pradesh but possibly of few other States in a off shore storage facility. There is every possibility that sensitive data of Indian citizens could be accessed and used by countries hostile to India or International Organised crime syndicates in a manner which could seriously be detrimental to National Security.

In light of gravity of the offences committed by the accused, it is felt that complaints filed by individual residents that their Aadhaar data is being misused will not suffice as UIDAI is the ultimate custodian of all Aadhaar related data and Sec 44 of Aadhaar Act 2016 applies to offences occurring outside India. Hence it is felt that a comprehensive complaint needs to be filed by UIDAI and concomitant legal proceedings also need to be initiated by the Authority."

2. In light of facts stated above, an FIR may kindly be registered at the earliest against the suspects and further necessary legal action may be initiated under the relevant provisions of the law.

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Sincerely,

As per the contents of the above written English Complaint. I have registered a case in CRNO: 238/19, [9849710030] U/s sec 37, 38 (a), (b), (g), 40, 42, and 44 of Aadhaar Act 2016 and took up the investigation. *[Signature]* 12/4/19

[Signature]
(TV Bhavani Prasad)
Deputy Director