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New Delhi, Dated the 22/8/ , 2013

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From.

Venkatesh Nayak B-117, 2nd Floor Sarvodaya Enclave

New Delhi- 110 017

To

The Central Public Information Officer
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
North Block

New Delhi- 110 001

Dear sir.

Sub: Request for information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act)

I have enclosed a copy of a report published recently in an English language national daily, about the exchange of correspondence between your Ministry (MHA) and the Department of Tele-Communications (DoT) on a proposal to make it mandatory for mobile service providers to collect fingerprint/biometric data of subscribers and the creation of a central database. I am requesting the following information from your public authority about this proposal:

- 1) A clear photocopy of all correspondence between the MHA and the DoT pertaining to the aforementioned proposal:
- 2) A clear photocopy of all correspondence between the MHA and any other public authority or private agency pertaining to the aforementioned proposal:
- 3) A clear photocopy of the file notings contained in the MHA's files pertaining to the aforementioned proposal:
- 4) A comprehensive description of the purposes behind the said proposal and the materials that formed the basis for identification of the said purposes:
- 5) The estimated cost to be incurred by the public exchequer for creating and maintaining the said central database:
- 6) The estimated cost likely to be incurred by the mobile telephony service providers for collecting fingerprint/biometric data from subscribers and transferring it to the proposed central database;



Date: 13/08/2013



- 7) A description of the existent or proposed statutory and administrative mechanisms for preventing misuse of personal data collected by the mobile service providers and maintained in the proposed central database; and
- 8) A description of the existent or proposed statutory and administrative mechanisms for data-subjects to access their personal data that will be held by the mobile service providers and the central database for the purpose of correcting any error.

I am a citizen of India. I have enclosed an IPO (bearing #11F 003892) for Rs. 10/- towards payment of the prescribed application fee. I would like to receive the aforementioned information by post at my address mentioned above. Kindly inform me of the additional fee payable for obtaining this information.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely.

S. S. Venkatesh Nayak Venkatesh Nayak

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Fingerprint may soon become compulsory for SIM card



The government is exploring the option of making it compulsory for telecom service providers to take fingerprint or any other biometric feature of the subscriber when he/she applies for a new mobile connection. File photo

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The Department of Telecom (DoT) recently received a suggestion from the Ministry of Home Affairs indicating that the DoT maintain a central database of all subscribers with bio-metric parameters akin to the Aadhaar. Minister of State for Communications and IT Milind Deora said in the Lok Sabha.

This would entail taking fingerprint/thumb impression or any other unique bio-metric feature of the subscriber when he/she applies for a mobile connection, he said adding that the suggestion "is presently being examined in the DoT and decision on the same is yet to be taken."

Last year, the DoT made it mandatory for a service provider to physically verify an applicant before issuing a SIM card. However, there have been reports that the process is not being adhered to

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Government of India

Ministry of Communications & I.T.

Department of Telecommunications

Room No. 905, Sanchar Bhawan, 20 - Ashoka Road, New Delhi.

September, 2013

To

Shri Venkatesh Nayak, B-117, 2nd Floor, Sarvodaya Enclave, New Delhi-110017.

Subject: RTI application dated 13.08.2013.

Kindly refer to your RTI Application dated 13.08.2013 transferred by Director (Internal Security-I) & CPIO vide letter No. II.20034/35/2013-IS.II/M dated 20.09.2013 in respect of information sought under Para 5 to 8 of said application.

- 2. The desired information is not available in this office. Hence, your application is transferred to Director (AS-II), DoT under Section 6(3) of RTI Act with a request to provide the information directly.
- 3. The appeal, if any, against the information furnished herein may be preferred before Shri Ram Narain, DDG (Security) & Appellate Authority, Department of Telecom, Sanchar Bhawan, 20-Ashoka Road, New Delhi, within the 30 days of issue of letter.

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Yours truly,

Director (S-II)

Tel No. 23372630

Copy to:

(i) Shri P.C. Sharma, Director (AS-II) & CPIO. DoT, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi along with said RTI application with a request to provide the information directly.

(ii) Shri Rakesh Mittal, Director (Internal Security-I) & CPIO, MHA, North Block, New Delhi for information.