

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 47
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th November, 2024

**DATA PRIVACY CONCERNS IN MoU BETWEEN INDIAN AIR FORCE AND
UBER**

47 SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the potential data privacy and security risks arising from Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Indian Air Force (IAF) and Uber for transportation services of IAF personnel, veterans, and their families;
- (b) if so, the details of any specific measures being put in place to protect the location data of IAF members and prevent tracking of operational bases and movement patterns by unauthorized entities;
- (c) whether protocols have been established to restrict third-party access to sensitive data related to IAF personnel through this arrangement; and
- (d) if so, details thereof, including safeguards against data breaches?

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(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a): The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of Indian Air Force (IAF) and Uber was entered into for providing efficient and safe mobility services for the welfare of personnel (serving as well as retired) and their families. The MoU and Mutual Non-Disclosure agreement (MMDA) was signed on 17th October, 2024. The only data to be shared under the MoU was the e-mail IDs which was other than the official e-mail IDs.
- (b) to (d): The cyber security safeguards in place to protect sensitive information / location of IAF personnel and their families are as follows: -

- (i) Security of Information: During usage of Uber App by IAF personnel, the data is being encrypted both at rest and during transit using AES 256 encryption.
- (ii) Limit of Information Sharing with Uber: Only civil e-mail IDs are shared by IAF with Uber. Personnel are identified through the given email ID and no other attribute.
- (iii) Annual Audit: Uber will carry out an annual cyber audit and render a report to IAF. Also, IAF has the option to carry out snap checks for the same.
