To

All Pr. Secretaries / Secretaries of concerned States/UTs
[As per list attached]

Subject: - Sensitization on compliance of IT Act, 2000 and Aadhaar Act, 2016 while Data Sharing in the departmental Websites – reg.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of this Ministry’s letter of even number dated 29th March, 2017 regarding compliance of IT Act, 2000 and Aadhaar Act, 2016, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of DO letter dated 24th April, 2017 regarding Sensitization on compliance of IT Act, 2000 and Aadhaar Act, 2016 while Data Sharing in the departmental Websites for information and strict compliance under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Mission.

2. This is issues with the approval of competent authority.

Encl: a/a.

Yours faithfully,

(R. S. Singh)
Director (HFA-1)
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Copy for similar action:

(i) The CMD, Housing and Urban Development Corporation, HUDCO Bhawan, Core-7-A, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

(ii) Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Prefab Limited (HPL), Jangpura, Near Rajdoot Hotel, New Delhi, Delhi 110014.

(iii) Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, National Housing Bank, Core 5-A, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.

(iv) The Executive Director, Building Material and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC), India Habitat Centre, Core 5-A, New Delhi.

(v) Ms. Soumi Banerjee, AVP & Head (Program Management), CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, Electronics Niketan, New Delhi – 03.

(vi) Sr. Technical Director / Technical Director, NIC, MoHUPA.

(vii) Director, NRSC, Near Rajiv Gandhi Statue, Main Rd, Ashok Nagar, Balanagar, Hyderabad, Telangana 500625, India

Copy to:

(i) PPS to Secretary (HUPA) / PS to JS & MD (HFA) for information.

(ii) Director (HFA-5), DS (HFA-2/3), DS (HFA-4), DC (MIS), MIS Expert for reference, record and compliance.
Sub: Sensitization on compliance of IT Act, 2000 and Aadhaar Act, 2016 while Data Sharing in the departmental Websites

Dear Secretary,

Kindly refer to the Office Memorandum (OM) No. 10(36)/2015-EC-II (Vol-V) Dated, 25.03.2017 on Data Sharing - Compliance of IT Act, 2000 and Aadhaar Act, 2016. The OM is self-explanatory and aims for maintenance of secrecy with respect to personal identity or information of residents.

2. It has come to notice that there have been instances wherein personal identity or information of residents, along with Aadhaar numbers and demographic information, and other sensitive personal data such as bank details etc. collected by Ministries/ departments, state departments for the administration of welfare schemes etc. have been published online.

3. Publishing identity information i.e. Aadhaar number along with demographic information is in clear contravention of the provisions of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 and constitutes an offence punishable with imprisonment upto 3 years. Further, publishing of financial information including bank details, being sensitive personal data, is also in contravention of provision under IT Act, 2000 with violations liable to pay damages by way of compensation to persons affected.

4. In view of the above, the Web Information Managers (WIMs) of all Ministries/ Departments and State Government departments may kindly sensitize the Ministries/ Departments and State Government departments respectively and also take all precautions while publishing/ sharing data on their websites, ensuring compliance of the IT Act, 2000 and Aadhaar Act, 2016 with immediate effect. Further, they are also requested to review their website contents/ quality as per the standard guidelines of GIGW, IT Act 2000 and Aadhaar Act 2016. It is also advised that any such contents already published or still appearing publicly, may be discontinued with immediate effect.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Aruna Sundararajan)

To

Secretaries of all the Ministries/Departments, Government of India