

F.No. 2-8/2020-DIGED
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of School Education and Literacy

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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Subject: Information sought under the RTI Act, 2005-reg.
Sir,

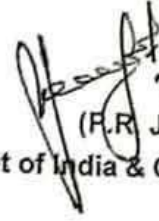
Please refer to your RTI application no. DOSEL/R/E/24/05198 dated 21.11.2024 on the above mentioned subject.

2. In this regard, the reply for your RTI application regarding “digital education initiatives launched by the Ministry of Education” is as under:

1. No, creating an APAAR ID is NOT mandatory for any child in any kind of school and is being created only with the consent of the parent or guardian. Schools may form their own guidelines, but students cannot be forced to create an APAAR ID.
2. No, it is a voluntary process and that no student will be disadvantaged for not having an APAAR ID.
3. No, the primary purpose of APAAR ID is to maintain a digital academic record and facilitate educational mobility.
4. APAAR ID offers several benefits:
 - a) **Unified Academic Identity** A single platform to consolidate academic records
 - b) **Lifelong Academic Identity** Tracks achievements from early school to higher education and professional career
 - c) **Seamless Academic Mobility** Facilitates smooth transitions between educational levels
 - d) **Credit Transfer** Enables transfer of academic credits between institutions
 - e) **Easy Verification** Simplifies authentication for transfers, admissions, and job applications
 - f) **Skill Gap Analysis** Helps identify and address skill development needs
5. No, the school cannot forcibly create an APAAR ID. APAAR ID can only be created with the consent of the parent or guardian, and consent can be withdrawn at their discretion.
6. Parental consent is required because:
 - a) The student might be a minor
 - b) It ensures voluntary participation
 - c) Parents have the right to decide about their child's digital academic identity

- d) It aligns with data privacy guidelines
e) Parents can withdraw consent at any time
7. Yes, Aadhaar is a requirement for creating an APAAR ID. There is no exception to this. The student's name in UDISE plus must match their Aadhaar name, and Aadhaar authentication is performed on a voluntary basis.
3. If you are not satisfied with the above reply, you may prefer an appeal to Sh. Gaurav Singh, First Appellate Authority, Department of School Education and Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001, Tel: 011-23382604.

Yours faithfully,


2/12/2024
(F.R. Jena)

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