Aadhaar data is fully safe: UIDAI

NEW DELHI, Nov 20: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) said today that Aadhaar data is completely safe and secure.

Aadhaar number, it said, is not a secret number and it is to be shared with authorised agencies if one wishes to avail a certain service or benefit of government welfare schemes or other services.

"Aadhaar data is fully safe and secure and there has been no data leak or breach at UIDAI," the authority said in response to a report based on RTI that 210 government websites made Aadhaar information public.

"There was no breach or leakage of Aadhaar data from UIDAI database or server...," it said in a statement.

The UIDAI had said in the RTI reply that it "found that approximately 210 websites of central government, state government departments including educational institutes were displaying the list of beneficiaries along with their name, address, other details and Aadhaar numbers for information of general public".

UIDAI said the data which was placed in the public domain as a measure of proactive disclosure under the RTI Act by the government and institutional websites included (See page 4)

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(Contd from page 1) beneficiaries' name, address, bank account and other details including Aadhaar number. It was collected from the third party and users for various welfare schemes.

The authority said it acted promptly on the report, and both the UIDAI and Ministry of Electronics and IT directed the government departments and the ministries concerned to immediately remove the data from their websites and ensure that such violation does not occur in the future. – PTI