Aadhaar: UIDAI relaxes deadlines for banks

New Delhi: In a breather to banks, the UIDAI on Friday extended till November 1 the deadline for banks to do minimum Aadhaar enrolments and updates in identified branches, according to a communication sent to banks.

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has asked banks to ensure that at least eight enrolments or updates are carried out daily in each stipulated branch from November 1, 2018, to avoid financial disincentives to be applicable from July 2018.

On June 1, the UIDAI had said that stipulated bank branches with Aadhaar facility will have to ensure at least eight enrolments or updates in each branch daily from July 1, 2018, 12 per day per branch from October 1, and to 16 from January 1, 2019 onwards. The authority had outlined that non-compliance would attract financial disincentives.

Under the new deadline, the banks will have to ensure that minimum enrolment or updation be raised to 12 from January 1, 2019 and 16 from April 1, 2019, according to the UIDAI directive.

The Aadhaar issuing body has promised that the banks meeting the fresh targets by the revised deadline of November, will not face “financial disincentives” between July and October.

Sources said that deadline and targets had been relaxed after certain banks flagged difficulties faced by them in achieving the targets in view of natural calamities in Kerala and some other states, as well as technical problems in rolling out the enrolment facility.