

## Aadhaar data info fully safe, claims UIDAI

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**New Delhi:** The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on Thursday said the Aadhaar data including biometric information is fully safe and secure. The statement comes amid news report that anonymous sellers were offering unrestricted access to full Aadhaar details for Rs 500 over WhatsApp.

In a statement, the UIDAI said it has given the "search facility" for grievance redressal to designated personnel and state government officials to help residents, that too, only upon entering their Aadhaar number. Any misuse can be traced and action taken as it maintains complete log of various functions.

"UIDAI maintains complete log and traceability of the facility and any misuse can be traced and appropriate action taken. The reported case appears to be instance of misuse of the grievance redressal search facility," it said.

"...there has not been any data breach of biometric database which remains fully safe and secure with highest encryption at UIDAI and mere display of demographic information cannot be misused without biometrics," it said.

UIDAI said Aadhaar number is not a secret and is to be shared with authorised agencies when necessary.