

Aadhaar-patta link plan gives jitters to landlords

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Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's warning on benami properties is giving everyone the jitters, especially landowners, who are refusing to link their land records with Aadhaar despite repeated reminders. The revenue department, as part of the recent land records purification drive, linked all land records with the Aadhaar of owners.

In the process, it identified properties, which are not linked to Aadhaar and owners who are not coming forward for linkage.

The department submitted the details of such properties to the government.

The Chief Minister on Friday warned that all such properties will be treated as benami properties and the government will confiscate those properties with the help of the I-T department.

Interestingly, all such

properties are located in areas surrounding Hyderabad which command huge real estate value raising suspicion that they are held by bigwigs such as politicians, IAS/ IPS officials, Central/state government employees, who did not disclose either in their election affidavits or annual property returns.

The revenue survey teams who were assigned the task of purifying land records in 100 days across the state from September 15 to December 31, 2017, visited these land parcels several times to link land details with Aadhaar, in vain.

Those present on such land sites did not cooperate with revenue staff, nor did they disclose any details of the owners and sent back officials saying that the owners were abroad or out of station.

With this, the revenue department took this issue to the notice of the CM, who sought a report on 'Aadhaar linking' across the state.