

‘Contract clauses not always exercised’

Aadhaar Data Safe: UIDAI

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Bengaluru: Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), while reiterating that Aadhaar data is secure, has said that contracts signed with firms are legal documents with contingency plans and that not all provisions are always exercised.

In a statement shared with **TOI**, which reported that contracts between UIDAI and foreign firms gave the latter access to biometric data, UIDAI said: “...Contracts in general are legal documents and often encompass a number of contingency provisions that may or may not be actually exercised during the execution of the contract but they are part of the contract.”

The authority said it does not store data like passport or bank account numbers or licence and PAN details. “Hardware supplies are also tested twice before being put to use in the data centre and all applications running on IT hardware are secured through firewall, intrusion and data leakage prevention system, security incident and event management and identity, and access management system...”

“Processing access of biometric data... is, for eg, akin to processing access of confidential banking data of customers to the core banking solutions of some software companies and that does not mean that the customers’ individual data has been handed over to these companies,” it said.