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'DRIVING LICENCES TO BE LINKED WITH AADHAAR'

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NEW DELHI: The government is planning to link driving licence with Aadhaar, the 12-digit biometric unique identity number.

"We are planning to link the driving licence with Aadhaar. I have had a word with road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari in this connection," Union information and technology minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said on Friday at the Digital Haryana Summit 2017.

Union road transport and highways ministry officials said once the driving licence is linked with Aadhaar, it can be easily used to identify the person who already holds a licence. "It will help to check duplication or frauds like issuance of multiple licence under the same name," said an official. "We have started the process and will soon inform the states," said an official.

Driving licences are issued by respective states, as it's a state subject. Gadkari had said in several public forums that nearly every third driver in the country has a bogus licence, blaming atrocious drivers and badly designed roads for most of 1.5 lakh deaths on Indian roads.