

Nerve centre of UIDAI gets 24x7 commando shield

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New Delhi: About 80 commandos of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on Friday took over full security of the all-important and sensitive UIDAI data centre at Bengaluru, the repository of Aadhaar data, to protect it against possible terror strikes or threats.

The CISF has been guarding the facility since December 2014 and the government has now regularised its deployment. The squad took over the task of guarding the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) facility, located in the Kodigehalli area of Bengaluru, very recently and as a regular unit, CISF spokesperson assistant inspector general (AIG) Hemendra Singh said.

“Security of this data centre is of utmost importance as the establishment is very sensitive and confidential biometric and personal information of the residents of India is stored and maintained at this centre,” he said.

The MHA had some time back cleared the proposal for regular force deployment there, and sanctioned a squad of 162 CISF men to guard the centre. The task has been taken over by a 80-member team led by an officer of the deputy commandant rank, and the rest will join soon, Singh said.

The CISF will provide an armed security cover at the facility round-the-clock, and special vehicle-borne quick reaction teams of commandos will be stationed at vantage points to charge in case of an attack or sabotage-like activity. The force will oversee the overall entry and exit at the facility.

Bengaluru, the electronics and information technology (IT) hub of India, is a “under



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Aadhaar ID needed to avail of nutrition mission: Minister

Aadhaar registration was required for beneficiaries of the centrally sponsored National Nutrition Mission, introduced to address stunting, under-nutrition, anaemia and low birth weight, the Lok Sabha was informed on Friday. Union minister of state for women and child development Virendra Kumar said the use of Aadhaar as an identity document simplified the delivery of services or subsidies. “Aadhaar obviates the need for producing multiple documents to prove one’s identity,” he said during Question Hour. The minister, however, said field functionaries would help beneficiaries who didn’t yet have Aadhaar get registered. Till then, they would be provided anganwadi services on the basis of an alternative identification document, he said. The use of Aadhaar in the nutrition mission would help track children for nutritional outcomes, and determine areas with poor nutrition levels, he said. The government recently approved the National Nutrition Mission to address malnutrition. PTI

constant threat from anti-national elements”, Singh said.

Singh said the paramilitary force would soon also take over the security of the UIDAI centre at Manesar.