

UIDAI says linking of Aadhaar to services is valid and lawful

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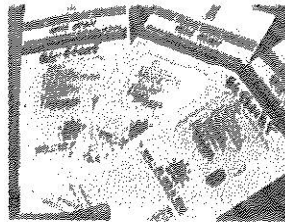
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The Unique Identification Authority of India on Thursday said that the Aadhaar Act is in force and that all notification requiring Aadhaar for welfare programmes, verifying bank account, PAN Card and SIM card with Aadhaar stands valid and lawful.

This clarification came after Supreme Court on Thursday, did not give any stay on linking of Aadhaar to various services.

"Today's legal position is that there is no stay as on December 7, 2017 from the Supreme Court on Aadhaar and its linking to various services.

"The Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits



and Services) Act, 2016 was passed by the Parliament on March 16, 2016, and notified on March 26, 2016.

"Therefore, subsequent notifications issued under section/s of Aadhaar Act for requiring Aadhaar as primary identifier by various ministries and departments of Government of India and States/UTs Governments for various services, benefits and subsidies hold the field today," it said in a statement.