

# 'Aadhar mandatory for online govt certificates'

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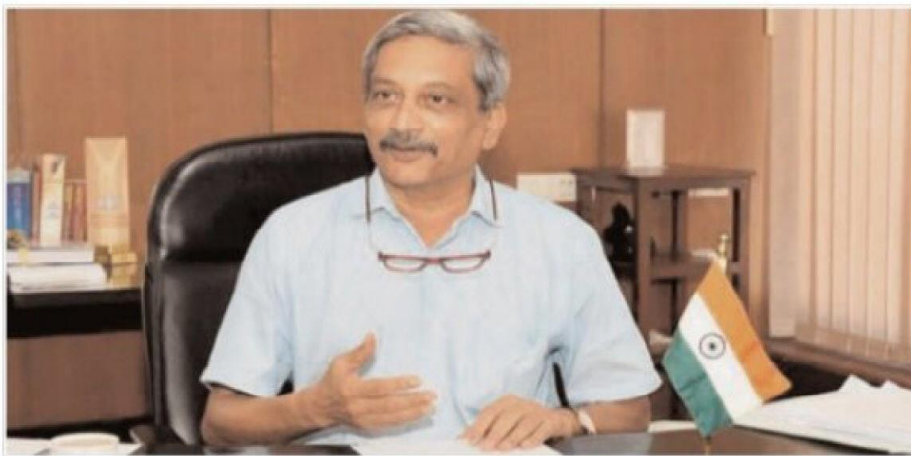
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**A**adhar card is mandatory to apply for government-issued certificates online through a newly launched government portal, Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar said on Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters after launching a new revenue department website, which facilitates online procurement of residence and income certificates and registration of property, Parrikar said those without an Aadhar card will have to apply for the documents in person.

"I am not denying the right to obtain certificates. They still have a right to obtain but this particular facility will not be available to them because they cannot identify themselves online.

They will have to come per-



sonally and identify... The Supreme Court is very clear... It says you cannot deny a person if he does not have an Aadhar card. But this particular facility cannot be availed because they cannot get identification," Parrikar said.

He said several government

services would move to online platforms within six months and that the Goa government was working towards the objective of 'Digital India.'

"This is the target of Digital India, Digital Goa. We want to move most of the aspects online in the next six months, so that

citizens and government officials interface becomes less," Parrikar said.

Goa government launched a web portal to provide various certificates online. Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar, who launched the portal in presence of Revenue Minister Rohan

Khaunte, also announced that in a couple of days the government will waive the fees applicable to get the certificates.

"We have been charging minimal fee to procure these certificates which will be waived in next couple of days. State government would be issuing a formal notification for it in two days," Parrikar said.

He clarified that the fee on the certificates procured online would be pardoned while those who visit the offices to get these certificates physically will have to continue paying the fees.

State Information and Technology department has brought in caste certificate, income certificate, residence certificate and similar services under the online ambit.

"Anyone can apply for the certificate any time of the day," he said.