

Centre: No violation of SC Aadhaar order

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New Delhi: The government rejected on Monday the opposition's charge that it had violated the Supreme Court's orders by making Aadhaar mandatory, with Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad saying the Aadhaar Act has now come into force and that the apex court's orders of 2015 came before the law was enacted.

"My understanding of law is very clear that an interim order is only for the purposes of interim arrangement till Parliament structures it. It is not a judgement. It has been referred to a nine-bench or seven-bench. Maybe, this law will also be

considered."

"But, I am very clear in my understanding of law that if Parliament enacts a law and unless the court stays the operation of that law, this law will hold the field and that is what is holding the field," Prasad, who holds dual charge of IT and tele-

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com and law ministries, told the Rajya Sabha.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh had alleged that Aadhaar was increasingly becoming an "example of exclusion" for programmes like subsidised foodgrains, rural job guarantee, old-age pension and mid-day meal.