

Operator blacklisted for making public Dhoni's Aadhaar form

Action likely against person who uploaded it on social media

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A day after former Indian cricket captain M.S. Dhoni's Aadhaar enrolment form was made public on Twitter, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on Wednesday said the operator responsible has been blacklisted for 10 years and further enquiry has been ordered into the incident.

"The operator has been blacklisted. He cannot work for UIDAI for 10 years. We are also checking who put the form on social media. Action will be taken against them as well," UIDAI CEO A.B. Pandey told *The Hindu*.

Asked about taking penal action against those involved, Mr. Pandey said since Aadhaar card has not been generated yet and it is only the form which has been made public, no penal action is being taken at this point.



M.S. Dhoni

"But even sharing the form is wrong. It has personal details, including address. We will be conducting a further enquiry and will take action accordingly. All options will be considered," he added.

Individual's privacy

The incident comes amid the ongoing debate over whether or not Aadhaar violates an individual's privacy.

The operator, who has been blacklisted, was employed by the agency United Telecom Ltd to enrol citizens for Aadhaar.

On Tuesday, he had posted a picture showing Mr. Dhoni giving his biometrics for Aadhaar along with a photo of his enrolment form.

The issue was highlighted by Mr. Dhoni's wife Sakshi Singh Rawat in a tweet to Electronics and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad. "@rsprasad @CSCegov_ is there any privacy left ??? Information of adhaar card including application is made public property!#disappointed," she had tweeted.

Mr. Prasad, who is also the Law Minister had in his reply said "@SaakshiSRawat Thanks for bringing this to my notice. Sharing personal information is illegal. Serious action will be taken against this."