

UIDAI: No one will be deprived of benefits for lack of Aadhaar

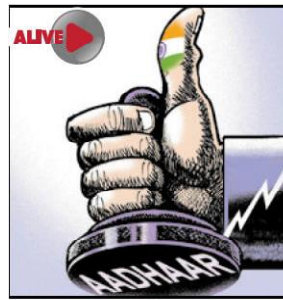
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New Delhi: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on Monday reiterated that no one would be deprived of benefits under government welfare schemes for lack of Aadhaar.

Arguing that the Supreme Court had not issued any fresh order, a top UIDAI official said the Centre had already clarified that till an Aadhaar number was assigned to an individual, he/she could continue to avail benefits of welfare schemes based on other means of identification.

"The Centre is fully complying with the apex court's earlier ruling," the official said, adding that the issue of not denying anyone benefits of government schemes for lack of UID had been addressed in the main Aadhaar Act itself and also in the 80 subsequent notifications issued by different ministries and departments.

"Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Be-



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nefits and Services) Act, 2016 clearly states that until the number is assigned to an individual, he or she can continue to avail them on the basis of alternative identification documents," another official said, adding that all notifications issued under the main Act had this provision.

"Government agencies have the responsibility to ensure that everyone gets Aadhaar number," the official said. The Centre had directed all departments to provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities to their beneficiaries under Regulation 12 of Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016.