



Bill to allow voluntary use of Aadhaar ID introduced

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Bill to allow voluntary use of Aadhaar ID introduced-It is in compliance with SC verdict, says Law Minister

- Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad introduced a Bill in the Lok Sabha that will provide legal backing for voluntary seeding of biometric Aadhaar ID with mobile numbers and bank accounts after the Supreme Court barred mandatory use of the 12-digit unique identifier by private firms.

‘No privacy violation’

- Law Minister said the proposed amendment Bill was in compliance with the Supreme Court’s judgment and that there would be no infringement of privacy.
- Law Minister also said the government was ready with a data protection Bill and it would soon be introduced.
- The two Acts are being changed to allow voluntary sharing of the 12-digit identification number for obtaining new mobile phone connections and for the opening of bank accounts.
- Under the proposed changes, an Aadhaar holder can opt for offline verification using a QR scan and will not require to share the actual Aadhaar number.

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