



# You may soon be able to opt out of Aadhaar

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## **You may soon be able to opt out of Aadhaar-Government is finalising a proposal to amend the Act**

- The government is in the last stages of finalising a proposal to amend the Aadhaar Act to give all citizens an option to withdraw their Aadhaar number, including biometrics and the data.
- This follows the Supreme Court judgment in September that upheld the validity of Aadhaar, however, with certain riders.
- A Constitution Bench had struck down Section 57 of the Aadhaar Act that allows private entities to use Aadhaar for verification.
- The Bench also declared that seeking to link Aadhaar with bank accounts and SIM cards was unconstitutional.

### **UIDAI proposal**

- The initial proposal was prepared by UIDAI , submitted that once a child turns 18, he/she will be given six months to decide if he/she wants to withdraw.
- The court had also struck down Section 33(2), which allowed disclosure of Aadhaar information for national security reasons on the orders of an officer not below Joint Secretary.
- Court had said an officer above Joint Secretary should consult a judicial officer and together take a call.

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