

Aadhaar and other laws (amendment) bill 2018 allows aadhaar to permeate through every conceivable sphere of human activity, transferring all authority from the citizens to the state and private corporations. critically analyze.

The Aadhaar and other laws (amendment) bill 2018 that has been passed in lower house without any debate is in striking contrast the supreme court ruling that held the right to privacy as a fundamental right under article 21 of the constitution.

The Apex court had repealed section 57 of Aadhaar act there by preventing the private corporations such as telecom companies and banks from having access to aadhaar

The court also struck down the provisions on sharing of data under interest of national security.

The Supreme court also directed the government to bring a Robust law for data protection as soon as possible.

However the government has put forward the bill without making any serious changes to the core of the bill as per the instructions of the court. If the bill is passed in Rajya Sabha It will once again give private organisations access to aadhaar and also to the government where it has reintroduced refurbished section 33(2)

Allowing private bodies to use aadhaar as a means to authenticate identity poses huge dangers as we still don't have any robust law to protect data.

Everyday we hear reports of aadhaar seeding frauds, giving access to private corporations will be an open invitation to commercially exploit the aadhaar architecture.

Therefore the government must seriously look into the objections raised by the court and look into work on bringing a law with a wider scope and focus on the protection of right to privacy of its citizens.