

Re: Queries from Asia Times for a story on Aadhaar

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To: **Sharad Sharma** |

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Sanjay Jain |

Dear Saikat

Thank you for your email regarding the meeting on DEPA. I appreciate your mention of a recording, which I was previously not aware of. However, our views on the draft bill on data protection and understanding of the Supreme Court judgement have been published. Let me take this opportunity to elaborate, with some sequencing information.

Both, Sharad and I did attend a meeting where we discussed the proposed data protection bill on the 29th of September. Further, this was in the days following the supreme court announcement, which was a fairly long document, and we were in the process of making sense of it. Based on an early reading of the judgement, I had previously published an opinion piece on the times of India blog, which you can find at economictimes.indiatimes.com/blogs/et-commentary/make-it-id-of-choice-for-your-users/. Based on subsequent readings, and discussion, including, at the meeting you mentioned, we decided to expand on it on the iSPIRT blog. You can find this at pn.ispirit.in/sc-ruling-on-private-players-use-of-aadhaar/

The outcome of the DEPA meeting was a document, which was also published on the iSPIRT blog. You can find it at pn.ispirit.in/ispirt-final-comments-data-privacy-bill/

We have had a previous conversation on the data protection bill, which was recorded, and transcribed. You can find this at policyhacks.in/demys...meity/

Having said all this, I would like to hear this recording that you speak of, so I can answer the rest of your questions, with any necessary context.

Regards

Sanjay Jain
