

Centre retracts caution on Aadhaar copies

Hotels and cinema halls weren't authorised to collect photocopies of Aadhaar.

Following this advisory, social media erupted with claims that the advisory had come too late as several outlets – from hospitals to hotels – insisted on retaining photocopies of Aadhaar cards.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Tech-

nology said, “The release advised people to not to share photocopy of their Aadhaar with any organisation as it can be misused. Alternatively, a masked Aadhaar which displays only the last four digits of Aadhaar number, can be used. However, in view of the possibility of misinterpretation of the press release, the same stands withdrawn.”