

Bengal moves SC against Aadhaar

The West Bengal government on Friday approached the Supreme Court against the Centre's move to make Aadhaar mandatory for the benefits of various social welfare schemes.

The petition is listed for hearing before a Bench comprising Justices A.K. Sikri and Ashok Bhushan, and is likely to come up for hearing on October 30.

On October 25, the Centre proposed to the Supreme Court its intention to extend the deadline for the mandatory linking of Aadhaar with PAN, bank accounts, mobile phones and several welfare schemes to March 31, 2018. Attorney-General K.K. Venugopal had mentioned before a Bench that the extension would apply only to those who do not have Aadhaar and are willing to enrol for it.

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