

[UID no. may stop misuse of RTI Act: Chief secretary]??

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MUMBAI: The Maharashtra government believes that to stop the rampant misuse of the Right to Information Act (RTI) in the state, the AadharUID number can be used to verify the credentials of an applicant.

State chief secretary J K Banthia on Friday said currently, the credentials of an applicant could not be checked. If the person seeking information under the RTI Act could somehow be linked to an online databank, his background could be verified, he said, adding that currently the Act was misused by people who took resort to the law to settle scores with others, putting state officials in trouble.

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MUMBAI: Activists are up in arms against chief secretary J K Banthiya's statement that the Aadhar card's number must be submitted along with applications under the [Right to Information Act](#).

Activist Manoranjan Roy said he was against the idea of forcing an RTI applicant to submit any identity documents. RTI activist Anil Galgali, said, "Activists are being attacked and the state should do something to protect their identity, but it is trying to bring these activists in the danger zone". Ex-central information commissioner Shailesh Gandhi said, "The chief secretary must have mentioned this as his personal view." Banthiya could not be reached for comment.