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'THERE ARE 3 NEW WAYS TO LINK MOBILE NUMBER WITH AADHAAR'

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1 **ON NEW WAYS TO LINK MOBILE NUMBER WITH AADHAAR:** The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has introduced three new ways to link registered mobile number with Aadhaar — OTP (One Time Password) based, App based and the IVRS facility.

2 **ON EASE OF ACCESS FOR LINKING NUMBER WITH AADHAAR:** For the ease of senior citizens and people with disabilities and chronic illness, DoT has recommended re-verification at subscribers' doorstep. Telecom operators should provide an online mechanism for people to request such service and based on availability, schedule the visit.

3 **ON NEED TO CONNECT AADHAAR WITH MOBILE:** Mobile penetration is increasing and subscribers need to be provided with the ease of linking of the Aadhaar number with the mobile number.

4 **ON MAINTAINING SUBSCRIBERS' PRIVACY:** Keeping with privacy rules, DoT has mandated that telecom service providers' agent don't have access to the subscribers' e-KYC data and only the name and address of the subscribers should be visible. Subscribers can verify or re-verify their mobile numbers.

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