

## Bharti repays ₹138 cr. of DBT amount

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Bharti Airtel has returned ₹138 crore worth Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) amount to the original bank accounts of 55.63 lakh customers, according to National Payments Corporation of India sources. This follows a crackdown by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UI-DAI) on the 'misuse' of Aadhaar holders' details shared for a specific purpose such as verifying mobile connections and bank accounts.

UIDAI, which had temporarily barred Bharti Airtel and Airtel Payments Bank from conducting Aadhaar-based verification of mobile customers as well as payments bank clients, has now given the company time till January 10, 2018, to conduct eKYC, subject to conditions.