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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE
(SECRETARIAT WING)

(G.O. Ms. No. 11/SWS/2023-24/7401,
Puducherry, dated 18th September 2023)

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the use of Aadhaar as identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly in a convenient and seamless manner by obviating the need to produce multiple documents to prove one's identity;

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And whereas, the Directorate of Social Welfare, Puducherry (hereinafter referred to as the Department/Implementing Agency), is administering the following Scheme of “Issue of Free Laptops to the Visually Impaired Students who are pursuing Under Graduate/ Postgraduate courses in the Union territory of Puducherry” and “Chief Minister Insurance Assistance Scheme for payment of Premium to Red Ration Card holders under PMSBY” (hereinafter referred to as the Schemes), which is being implemented through this Directorate;

And whereas, under the Schemes, benefits are extended to eligible beneficiaries (hereinafter referred to as beneficiaries by the Implementing Agency, as per the extant Scheme Guidelines;

And whereas, the aforesaid Schemes involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of Union territory of Puducherry.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, hereby notifies the following, namely:

1. (1) An individual eligible for receiving the benefits under the aforesaid Scheme shall hereby be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.
- (2) Any individual desirous of availing benefits under the aforesaid Schemes, who does not possess the Aadhaar Number or, has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, shall be required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment before registering for the Schemes; Provided that he/she is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per the section 3 of the said Act, and such individuals shall visit any Aadhaar Enrolment Centre [list available at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website www.uidai.gov.in] to get enrolled for Aadhaar.
- (3) As per Regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Department is required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case, there is no Aadhaar Enrolment Centre located in the respective Block

or Taluka or Tehsil the Department shall provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or by becoming a UIDAI Registrar themselves:

Provided that till the time, Aadhaar is assigned to the individual, benefits under the Schemes shall be given to such individual, subject to the production of the following documents, namely: -

- (a) If, he/she has enrolled his/her Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip; and
- (b) Any one of the following documents, namely: -
 - (i) Bank or Post Office Passbook with Photo; or
 - (ii) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card; or
 - (iii) Passport; or
 - (iv) Family Ration Card; or
 - (v) Elector's Photo Identity Card; or
 - (vi) MGNREGA Card; or
 - (vii) Kisan Photo Passbook; or
 - (viii) Driving licence issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988); or
 - (ix) Certificate of identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tahsildar on an official Letter Head; or
 - (x) Any other document as specified by the Department:

Provided further, that the above documents may be checked by an officer specifically designated by the Department for that purpose.

2. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Schemes conveniently, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall make all the required arrangements to ensure that wide publicity through the media shall be given to the beneficiaries to make them aware of the said requirement.

3. In all cases, where, Aadhaar Authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries or due to any other reason, the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted, namely:

(a) in case of poor fingerprint quality, Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication, thereby, the Department through Implementing Agencies shall make provisions for Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) scanners or face authentication along with fingerprint authentication for delivery of benefits in seamless manner;

(b) in case the biometric authentication through fingerprints or Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) scan or face authentication is not successful, wherever feasible and admissible authentication by Aadhaar One-Time Password or Time-based One-Time Password with limited time validity, as the case may be, shall be offered;

(c) in all other cases where biometric or Aadhaar One-Time Password or Time-Based One-Time Password authentication is not possible, benefits under the Scheme may be given on the basis of physical Aadhaar letter whose authenticity can be verified through the Quick Response (QR) code printed on the Aadhaar letter and the necessary arrangement of Quick Response code reader shall be provided at the convenient locations by the Department through its Implementing Agency.

4. In addition to the above, in order to ensure that no *bona fide* beneficiary under the Schemes is deprived of his/her due benefits, the Department shall follow the exception handling mechanism as outlined in the Office Memorandum of DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, dated 19th December, 2017.

5. This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of Puducherry.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

**UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
(SOCIAL WELFARE).**

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE
(SECRETARIAT WING)

(G.O. Ms. No. 14/SWS/2023-24/7401,
Puducherry, dated 16th November 2023)

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the use of Aadhaar as identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly in a convenient and seamless manner by obviating the need to produce multiple documents to prove one's identity;

And whereas, the Directorate of Social Welfare, Puducherry (hereinafter referred to as the Department/Implementing Agency), has notified the following Schemes:

S.No.	Name of the Scheme
1	Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties to Persons with Disabilities (Cash Dole).
2	Free Supply of Prosthetic Appliances to Differently Abled Persons.
3	Free Distribution of Rice to Persons with Disabilities (Cash Dole).

And whereas, under the Schemes, benefits are extended to eligible beneficiaries (hereinafter referred to as beneficiaries by the Implementing Agency, as per the extant Scheme Guidelines;

And whereas, the aforesaid Schemes involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of Union territory of Puducherry.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, hereby notifies the following, namely:

1. (1) An individual eligible for receiving the benefits under the aforesaid Schemes shall hereby be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.

- (2) Any individual desirous of availing benefits under the aforesaid Schemes, who does not possess the Aadhaar Number or, has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, shall be required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment before registering for the Schemes; Provided that he/she is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per the section 3 of the said Act, and such individuals shall visit any Aadhaar Enrolment Centre [list available at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website www.uidai.gov.in] to get enrolled for Aadhaar.
- (3) As per Regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Department is required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case there is no Aadhaar Enrolment Centre located in the respective Block or Taluka or Tehsil the Department shall provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or by becoming a UIDAI Registrar themselves:

Provided that till the time Aadhaar is assigned to the individual, benefits under the Schemes shall be given to such individual, subject to the production of the following documents, namely: -

- (a) If, he/she has enrolled his/her Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip; and
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 - (i) Bank or Post Office Passbook with Photo; or
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 - (vi) MGNREGA Card; or
 - (vii) Kisan Photo Passbook; or

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- (ix) Certificate of identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tahsildar on an official Letter Head; or
- (x) Any other document as specified by the Department:

Provided further, that the above documents may be checked by an officer specifically designated by the Department for that purpose.

2. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Schemes conveniently, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall make all the required arrangements to ensure that wide publicity through the media shall be given to the beneficiaries to make them aware of the said requirement.

3. In all cases, where, Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries or due to any other reason, the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted, namely:

(a) in case of poor fingerprint quality, Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication, thereby, the Department through Implementing Agencies shall make provisions for Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) scanners or face authentication along with fingerprint authentication for delivery of benefits in seamless manner;

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