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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

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Puducherry, the 03rd January 2023.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the use of Aadhaar as an 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;

2. And whereas, the Directorate of School Education, Puducherry, is administering both the Central and State Schemes through the Implementing Agencies as listed under column (2) and column (3) respectively of the Table below as per guidelines issued and amended from time to time:

Sl. No.	Description of the Scheme(s)	Implementing Agency
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Award of Pre-Matric. Scholarship to other Economically Backward Class Students studying in VI Standard to X Standard in the Government Schools and Government Recognized Private Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry. (State Government Scheme)	Scholarship Section, Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.
2.	Award of Attendance Scholarship to the Girl Students in Middle Stage Education studying in Government Schools and Government Recognized Private Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry. (State Government Scheme)	Scholarship Section, Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.
3.	Award of Pondicherry State Post Matric. Scholarship for the students studying in XI and XII Standards in Government Schools and Government Recognized Private Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry. (State Government Scheme)	Scholarship Section, Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.
4.	Mid-day Meals Scheme for School Children (Central Share for Children studying in Pre-Primary to VIII Standard level (PM-POSHAN); State Share for Students from IX to XII Standard in Government and Government Aided Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry). (Central and State Government Scheme)	Office of the Deputy Director (Adult Education), Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.
5.	Rajiv Gandhi Breakfast Scheme for School Children from the level of Pre-Primary up to Higher Secondary in the Union territory of Puducherry. (State Government Scheme)	Office of the Deputy Director (Adult Education), Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.

(1)	(2)	(3)
6. Free Supply of (a) Uniform, (b) Text Books, (c) Exercise note books, (d) School Bags, (e) Footwear to all School Children studying in Government and Government Aided Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry. (Central and State Government Scheme)	Office of the Deputy Director (Elementary Education) , Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.	
7. Supply of Two Sets of Uniform per annum to all Girls, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes children and Below Poverty Line (BPL) children in the Union territory of Puducherry. (Central Government Scheme)	Office of the Deputy Director (Elementary Education) , Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.	
8. Free Supply of Laptop Computers to the students of Government Higher Secondary Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry and passed Higher Secondary in Public Examination. (State Government Scheme)	Office of the Joint Director – dealing with Higher Secondary Schools , Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.	
9. National Means- <i>cum</i> -Merit Scholarship Scheme for concerned age group of Class VII and VIII in the Union territory of Puducherry. (Central Government Scheme)	Office of the Joint Director – dealing with Higher Secondary Schools , Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.	

3. And whereas, under the Schemes benefits are extended to eligible beneficiaries by the Implementing Agency as per the extant norms/fund availability;

4. And whereas, the aforesaid Schemes at para 2 above involve recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of Union territory of Puducherry/the Consolidated Fund of India;

5. Now, therefore, in pursuance of section 7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Government of Union territory of Puducherry hereby notifies the following namely:-

(A) A child desirous of availing of the benefit under the Scheme shall hereby be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.

(B) Any child desirous of availing the benefit under the Scheme, who does not possess the Aadhaar number or, has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, shall be required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment subject to the consent of his parents or guardians, before registering for the Scheme provided that he is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per section 3 of the said Act and such children 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.

(C) As per regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Department through its Implementing Agency 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 through its Implementing Agency 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 child, the benefit under the Scheme shall be given to such children subject to production of the following documents, namely:-

(a) If, the child has been enrolled after attaining the age of five years (with biometrics collection), his/her Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip, or of bio-metric update identification slip; and

(b) Any one of the following documents, namely:-

(i) Birth Certificate; or Record of Birth issued by the appropriate authority; or

(ii) School Identity Card, duly signed by the Principal of the School, containing Parents' names; and

(c) Any one of the following documents as proof of relationship of the beneficiary with the parent or legal guardian as per the extant Scheme guidelines, namely:-

- (i) Birth Certificate; or Record of Birth issued by the appropriate authority; or
- (ii) Family Ration Card; or
- (iii) Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) Card; or Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Card; or Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) Card; or
- (iv) Pension Card; or
- (v) Army Canteen Card; or
- (vi) Any Government Family Entitlement Card; or
- (vii) Any other document as specified by the Department;

Provided further that the above documents shall be checked by an Officer specifically designated by the Department for the purpose.

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

7. 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 scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication, thereby the Department through its Implementing Agency shall make provisions for Integrated Risk Information System 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 scanners 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 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.

8. Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove, no child shall be denied benefit under the Scheme in case of failure to establish his/her identity by undergoing authentication, or furnishing proof of possession of Aadhaar number, or in the case of a child to whom no Aadhaar number has been assigned, producing an application for enrolment. The benefit shall be given to him by verifying his/her identity on the basis of other documents as mentioned in clauses (b) and (c) of the proviso of sub-paragraph C of paragraph 5 and where benefit is given on the basis of such other documents, a separate register shall be maintained to record the same, which shall be reviewed and audited periodically by the Department through its Implementing Agency.

9. This Notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of Government of Union territory of Puducherry.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (EDUCATION).
