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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

(G.O. Ms. No. 02/229, Puducherry, dated 12th August 2024)

ORDER

Whereas, the Union territory of Puducherry has implemented the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2023 through Direct Benefit Mode with effect from September, 2015. Under this mode, the food subsidy in the form of cash *in lieu of* supply of rice is being transferred to the National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries through APBS (Aadhaar Payment Bridge System) into the account of the beneficiaries, whose Aadhaar numbers are seeded with the Bank Accounts.

2. And whereas, the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, New Delhi (DoFD) has informed all the States to complete validation of seeded Aadhaar numbers of Family Ration Card holders, in order to ensure that the seeded numbers are correct and are of the same person as appearing in the Family Ration Card details. For this purpose, the e-KYC facilities offered by the UIDAI shall ensure that the seeded number is valid Aadhaar number and also belongs to the right person. Therefore, all the States have been requested to undertake e-KYC campaign at all Fair Price Shops and complete 100% e-KYC by the end of February, 2024.

3. And whereas, due to implementation of Direct Benefit Mode as per the instructions of the Department of Food and Public Distribution System, New Delhi, all the Fair Price Shops are non-functional with effect from April, 2019. Hence, authentication of e-KYC could not be carried out through Fair Price Shops.

4. And whereas, in order to explore the feasibility of undertaking e-KYC through all Common Service Centres (CSCs) in Puducherry, a meeting was convened on 24-01-2024 with the officials of National Informatics Centre and the CSC e-Governance Services India Limited. Subsequent to the discussion, it has been decided to undertake e-KYC through all Common Service Centres established and functioning as per the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) as detailed below:

(a) The Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Puducherry shall give Administrative approval to CSC for the purpose of e-KYC verification.

(b) CSC shall provide the exact work flow of e-KYC verification.

(c) CSC shall provide the interface to capture the Family Ration Card Number, District and Aadhaar Number of the beneficiaries.

(d) CSC shall capture Family Ration Card Number and share the region (CSC Number), Family Ration Card Number and the response from CIDR (UIDAI).

(e) CSC system shall validate Aadhaar Number and authenticate the same through CIDR of UIDAI.

(f) Based on the authentication, there shall be

(i) verified and matched (or)

(ii) verified and not matched (declined)

(g) CSC shall share the log files and verification details on daily and monthly basis to the Department through XML format.

(h) CSC may enforce the standard encryption and decryption mechanism (Aadhaar Security Act) while sharing the details to the Department.

(i) CSC may share the working model of other application implemented for any other Scheme involving e-KYC verification.

(j) CSC may clarify whether e-KYC verification process of PDS database in any other State/Union Territory.

(k) CSC may explore the possibility of sharing other KYC details such as name, date of birth, address, photo, gender apart from Y/N confirmation form UIDAI.

(1) CSC shall ensure sharing of daily transaction file along with log files to the Department.

(m) CSC may provide the Common Service Centre details such as ID, location, *etc.*, to the Department for identifying and mapping.

5. And whereas, for undertaking e-KYC verification, the following charges are payable:

(a) one time onboarding and integration charges of ₹ 3,00,000.

(b) recurring licence cost of UIDAI (valid for 2 years) of ₹ 3,00,000 and

(c) e-KYC transaction charges of ₹ 14.40 per transaction payable to CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, New Delhi, shall be borne by the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Puducherry.

6. And whereas, the total number of members to undertake e-KYC verification in the Union territory of Puducherry as on date is 12,19,997 (both APL, BPL and honorary). The actual number of members may vary from time to time since the data is dynamic in nature.

7. And whereas, necessary Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall be signed between the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Puducherry and CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, New Delhi for undertaking e-KYC validation.

8. Now, therefore, the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is hereby conveyed for undertaking e-KYC Aadhaar validation of all the Family Ration Card holders through Common Service Centres in the Union territory of Puducherry.

9. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department *vide* I.D. No. 064/FC/FD/F4/A3/2024-25, dated 05-06-2024.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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