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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

(G.O. Ms. No. 04, Puducherry, dated 08th November 2024)

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Union territory of Puducherry has implemented the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 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 NFSA beneficiaries through APBS (Aadhaar Payment Bridge System) into the account of the beneficiaries, whose Aadhaar numbers are seeded with the Bank account;

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 to 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 Unique Identification Authority of India 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 to complete 100% e-KYC;

3. And 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;

4. And whereas, the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Puducherry (hereinafter referred to as the Department/Implementing Agency) is administering the e-KYC Aadhaar authentication/validation for the Family Ration Card holders of the Union territory of Puducherry through Common Service Centre's (CSCs), as per the rules as amended from time to time *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 02, dated 12-08-2024 of the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Puducherry;

5. And whereas, under the e-KYC Aadhaar authentication/validation procedure, the Department/Implementing Agency shall carry out the task through all the Common Service Centre's (CSCs) established and functioning in the Union territory of Puducherry, so as to ensure that the seeded Aadhaar numbers are correct in the Family Ration Card and are of the same person;

6. Now, therefore, in pursuance under the provisions of sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, the Government of Puducherry hereby notifies the following, namely:-

"Section (4) sub-section (4) clause (b) sub-clause (ii) of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 *inter alia* stipulates that an entity may be allowed to perform Aadhaar authentication, if, the Authority is satisfied that the requesting entity is permitted to offer authentication services under the provisions of any other law made by the Parliament; or seeking authentication for such purpose, as the Central Government in consultation with the Authority, and in the interest of State, may prescribe".

7. In order to verify the Family Ration Card holders of the Union territory of Puducherry by e-KYC verification through Common Service Centres, the Department along with Common Service Centre shall make all the required arrangements to ensure that wide publicity through the media shall be given to the Family Ration Card holders/members /beneficiaries to make them aware of the said procedure;

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

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

S. SATHIYAMOORTHY,
Director
(Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs).