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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT
(SURVEY / REGISTRATION)

(G.O. Ms. No. 05/2024-25, Puducherry, dated 02nd June 2025)

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, 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 (Central Act No. 18 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), allows performing authentication on voluntary basis, for such purpose, as the Central Government in consultation with the Unique Identification Authority of India and in the interest of State, may prescribe;

And whereas, for such purpose, the Government of India has framed the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation Knowledge) Rules, 2020 wherein, the State Government can seek permission under the said rules to use Aadhaar on voluntary basis.

And whereas, the Government of India *vide* Office Memorandum eF.No. 13(2)/2024-EG-II, dated 05-02-2024 has conveyed the approval of the Competent Authority to allow the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Puducherry to use Aadhaar authentication services on voluntary basis, in seeding the Aadhaar Number of the landowner in computerized land records in terms of Rule 5 of the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020 read with sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 4 of the said Act.

Now, therefore, the Government of Puducherry, hereby notifies that the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Puducherry shall seek the concerned individual/public for Aadhaar authentication services on voluntary basis by the mode of biometric capture/OTP/IRIS Capture in terms of Rule 5 of the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation Knowledge) Rules, 2020 for the purpose of seeding the Aadhaar Numbers of the landowners in computerized land records database *viz.*, “Nilamagal” application of the Directorate of Survey and Land Records, Government of Puducherry and in the “e-pathiram” application of the Registration Department, Government of Puducherry at the time of registration of various “deeds”, subject to the following conditions, namely:-

(1) The informed consent of the landowners shall be obtained for the purpose of authentication in terms of section 29 of the said Act. The purposes for which the Aadhaar number and related information is being sought shall be communicated clearly to the landowner. Specifically, the manner in which the Aadhaar number shall be collected, stored and used shall be clearly communicated to the residents.

(2) The Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Puducherry shall ensure that the provisions of clauses (2) and (3) of section 8 of the said Act, relating to Aadhaar Authentication of children are strictly adhered to without fail.

(3) There shall not be denial of any service/benefit to the residents on account of the failure of Aadhaar based authentication.

(4) The landowners shall be informed of the alternate mechanism of identification/verification as the instant usage of Aadhaar authentication is permitted purely on voluntary basis.

(5) There shall not be display of Aadhaar number anywhere in the system and wherever required only last 4 digits of the Aadhaar number shall be displayed.

(6) Aadhaar number shall be stored securely in the Aadhaar Data Vault and in accordance with the directions given *vide* Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) Circular, dated 25-07-2017 in this regard. Any sharing of the Aadhaar number shall be done in an encrypted and secured manner and only in accordance with provisions of section 29 of the said Act.

(7) Complete details of the e-KYC information of the residents shall not be displayed on the screen instead, only necessary demographic details such as first name, year of birth *etc.*, shall be displayed.

(8) Biometric authentication of beneficiaries shall be performed only by the persons/agencies authorized for this purpose by the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Puducherry.

(9) The Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Puducherry shall get its software applications used for this purpose audited by a CERT-IN empanelled IS Auditor and submit the report to the UIDAI. Any subsequent suggestions made by the UIDAI shall also be complied with.

(10) The Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Puducherry may encourage the use of the Iris-based biometric authentication, wherever required, considering that it is more accurate, contactless and safe.

(11) The Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Puducherry shall comply with all the relevant provisions of the said Act, its associated rules and regulations and other instructions issued by UIDAI, from time-to-time.

(12) The Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Puducherry shall separately notify the alternate methods of identification in case, any of the landowners does not intend to authenticate using his Aadhaar.

The consent form to be collected from the claimants is specified in Schedule 'A'.

SCHEDULE "A"

Consent Form Format

I (Aadhaar holder) hereby consent for the use of my Aadhaar Number on voluntary basis to use for yes/no demographic authentication OR for fetching my identity and other information for purpose of e-KYC through Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), using the Aadhaar OTP or Biometric authentication with UIDAI and to use it in computerized land records and seed the details in the database of computerized land records viz., "Nilamagal" of the Directorate of Survey and Land Records, Government of Puducherry and "e-pathiram" application of the Registration Department, Government of Puducherry created by the National Informatics Centre, Puducherry. The consent and the purpose of collecting Aadhaar has been explained to me in local language. The Department has informed me that my Aadhaar shall not be used for any purpose other than mentioned above.

I have been given other alternative means by the Department for KYC purposes including physical KYC by submitting officially valid documents and I have voluntarily chosen Aadhaar based KYC.

I understand that the Biometrics and/or OTP I provide for authentication shall be used only for authenticating my identity through the Aadhaar Authentication system for that specific transaction and for no other purposes.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government (Revenue).