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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (FISHERIES)

(G.O. Ms. No. 9/Fy., Puducherry, dated 28th February 2025)

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 Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry (hereinafter referred to as the Department/Implementing Agency), is administering and implementing the following Schemes (hereinafter referred to as the Schemes), as amended from time to time;

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme
(1)	(2)
1.	Development of Fresh water Aquaculture and setting up of Aquarium, Ornamental Fish Breeding centre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Grant of Input subsidy to fish farmers (Fresh Water) (b) Grant of Input subsidy to Fresh water/Brackish water, Fish farmers undertaking Litopenaeus Vannamei culture.
2.	Information, Publicity Training of Fishermen, Fisherwomen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash Awards to meritorious students belonging to Fishermen Community.
3.	Welfare and Relief for Fishermen during Lean Seasons and Natural Calamities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Fishing Ban period assistance (b) Lean season assistance (c) Grant of old age pension to fishermen (d) Immediate death relief assistance @ ₹ 2.00 lakh for the legal heir(s) of the deceased fishermen. (e) Immediate relief assistance @ ₹ 1.50 lakh for the legal heir(s) of the missing fishermen. (f) Financial assistance towards funeral expenses on death of pensioners.

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4.	Supply of Subsidized Fishery Requisites and Life Saving Appliances and Communication Devices including Transponder. - Supply of Subsidized Fishery Requisites
5.	Development of Marine Fisheries through Mechanization and Reimbursement of Sales Tax on HSD oil and Assistance to small Scale Fishermen - (a) Financial grant for Reactivation of Mechanized Boat Operators during ban on fishing. (b) Subsidy on Annual insurance premium paid by the Registered Mechanized boat operators. (c) Procurement of wooden/FRP/steel/mechanized boats. (d) Procurement of FRP Catamaran/Vallam/Wooden nava/Marine Ply wood Canoe with nets. (e) Spot exemption of sales of tax on HSD oil and reimbursement of diesel subsidy maximum of ₹ 12 per litre together.
6.	Grant of 100% subsidy for purchase of insulated (Ice) Box to fish vendors.

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

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

5. 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:-

(i) 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.

(ii) 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 is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per the section 3 of the said Act, and such individuals shall visit any Aadhaar - Enrollment Centre list available at the Unique Identification Authority India (UIDAI) website (www.uidai.gov.in) to get enrolled for Aadhaar.

(iii) As per regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Department/Implementing Agency is required to offer Aadhaar enrollment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case, there is no Aadhaar Enrollment Centre located in the respective Block or Taluk 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) Anyone of the following documents namely :-
 - (I) Bank or Post Office Passbook with Photo; or
 - (II) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card; or
 - (III) Identity Card issued by the Fishermen Co-operative Society; 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 Vehicle's 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/Implementing Agency.

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

6. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Schemes conveniently, the Department/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.

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 (IRIS) scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication, thereby the Department/Implementing Agency shall make provisions for Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) scanners or face authentication along with finger-print 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 (QR) Code reader shall be provided at the convenient location by the Department/Implementing Agency.

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

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

10. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* its I.D. No. 322/FC/F4/A3/2024-25, dated 02-12-2024.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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Under Secretary to Government (Fisheries).