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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

LABOUR WELFARE AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

MANDATING AADHAAR AUTHENTICATION OF THE BENEFICIARIES FOR THE ASSISTANCES PROVIDED
UNDER WELFARE SCHEMES OF 16 WELFARE BOARDS.

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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;

AND WHEREAS, the LABOUR WELFARE AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (hereinafter referred to as the Department) is administering the Welfare Schemes to the unorganised workers of Tamil Nadu (hereinafter referred to as the Schemes) which are being implemented through the TAMIL NADU MANUAL WORKERS SOCIAL SECURITY WELFARE BOARD AND 15 OTHER WELFARE BOARDS (hereinafter referred to as the implementing agency);

AND WHEREAS, under the Schemes, the Assistances (hereinafter referred to as the benefit) is given to the registered unorganised workers (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries), by the implementing agency as per the extant Scheme guidelines;

AND WHEREAS, the aforesaid Schemes involve recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of Government of Tamil Nadu;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of section 7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (Central Act 18 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Government of Tamil Nadu hereby notifies the following, namely;

1. (1) An individual eligible for receiving the benefits under the said Schemes shall hereby be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.

(2) Any individual desirous of availing benefits under the welfare 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 Scheme:

Provided that he / she is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per section 3 of the said Act and such individuals 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.

(3) 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 individual, the benefits under the Welfare Schemes shall be given to such individual, subject to the production of the following documents in original, namely:-

- (a) if he/she has enrolled, his/her Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip; and
- (b) any one of the following documents, namely:-
 - (i) Bank or Post Office Passbook with Photo; or
 - (ii) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card; or
 - (iii) Passport; or
 - (iv) Ration Card; or
 - (v) Voter Identity Card; or
 - (vi) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act Card; or
 - (vii) Kisan Photo Passbook; or
 - (viii) Driving License issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988);

or

(ix) Certificate of Identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tehsildar on an official letter head; or

(x) any other document as specified by the Department

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

2. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Welfare Schemes conveniently, the Department through its 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.

3. 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, iris scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication thereby the Department through its Implementing Agency shall make provisions for 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 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; and

(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 in original and the necessary arrangement of Quick Response (QR) code reader shall be provided at the convenient locations by the Department through its Implementing Agency.

4. In addition to the above, in order to ensure that no bonafide beneficiary under the Welfare Schemes is deprived of his/her due benefits, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall follow the exception handling mechanism as outlined in the Office Memorandum of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India dated the 19th December 2017.

5. This Notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.

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Secretary to Government.