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Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare  
(Horticulture Division-MIDH)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.  
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To

Principal Secretary/ Secretary  
Agriculture/ Horticulture  
(All States/ UTs)

**Sub: Use of Aadhaar in Benefit Schemes of Government (MIDH) –  
Exception handing –reg.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's Aadhaar Notification under Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act dated 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 under Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 ("Aadhaar Act").

2. Para (3) of the notification provides that till Aadhaar is assigned to the beneficiaries; entitlements under MIDH shall be given to such individuals on production of Photo identity cards such as voter ID card, driving license, PAN card, Passport, Kisan Photo passbook, identity card issued by the State Government, bank passbook with photograph or any other photo identity cards notified for identification by the concerned State Government, or Aadhaar Enrolment Slip, if he or she has enrolled for Aadhaar or a copy of the request made for Aadhaar.

3. Para (2) (1-4) provides for wide publicity through media and individual notices through field officers shall be given to applicants or beneficiaries to make them aware of the requirement of Aadhaar to receive the subsidy under MIDH. In case they are not enrolled, they may be enrolled at the nearest enrollment centers available in their Blocks/ Tehsils/ Taluka. The list of locally available enrollment centers have been made available to them. In case beneficiaries are not able to enroll due to non-availability of enrollment centers in the Blocks/ Tehsils/ Taluka, the Implementing Agencies are required to create enrollment facilities at convenient locations. The applicants/ beneficiaries can be requested to register their request for enrollment by giving their names with other details such as address, mobile number on their web portal.

4. Regulations of UIDAI dated 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 (copy enclosed for ready reference) to handle exceptions, ensuring no beneficiary is denied benefits for want of Aadhaar may kindly be perused.

5. In case of failure of biometric authentication due to network/ connectivity/ linking issues or due to poor biometric of the beneficiary or other technical reasons, the beneficiary is to be provided subsidy on the basis of physical production of Aadhaar card by him/ her in place of biometric authentication as provided by Section 7 of Aadhaar Act.

6. In the light of the above notification, State/ UT Governments are also required to arrange to provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities to those beneficiaries

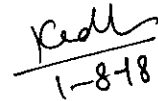
who do not have Aadhaar. All field functionaries in the State/ UT may be instructed to ensure that no instance of denial of subsidy on the ground of non-possession of Aadhaar takes place and strict action is taken by State/ UT Governments for denial of benefits contrary to the aforesaid Notification.

7. The State Governments/ UTs/ Implementing Agencies are required to make special arrangements for bed ridden senior residents to get them verified/ authenticated including but not limited to sending a village level worker to their home for this purpose.

8. Further, it may be ensured that the details of benefits/ exception handling given to person on the basis of the verification done through alternate documents as mentioned in the Circular dated 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 of UIDAI para 4(e) shall be recorded separately as exceptions by the State Horticulture Mission/ NLAs/ Implementing Agencies. SHMs/ NLAs/ Implementing Agencies shall also maintain a copy of Aadhaar card, signature/ thumbprint of the beneficiaries and other supporting documents as have been specified by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administration. The State/ UT Governments are also requested to devise and implement a suitable mechanism of monthly audit and inspection including field verification of beneficiaries opting for such exceptions to ensure that there is no misuse of exceptions as well as no exclusion of beneficiaries.

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Yours faithfully,



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Subject: Exception handling in Public Distribution Services and other welfare Schemes

Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 provides that:

"The Central Government or, as the case may be, the State Government may, for the purpose of establishing identity of an individual as a condition for receipt of a subsidy, benefit or service for which the expenditure is incurred from, or the receipt therefrom forms part of, the Consolidated Fund of India, require that such individual undergo authentication, or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number or in the case of an individual to whom no Aadhaar number has been assigned, such individual makes an application for enrolment:

Provided that if an Aadhaar number is not assigned to an individual, the individual shall be offered alternate and viable means of identification for delivery of the subsidy, benefit or service."

2. Various Ministries/Departments have issued notification under Section 7 of Aadhaar Act to require Aadhaar / Aadhaar authentication for delivery of various benefits, subsidies or service for which the expenditure is incurred from, or the receipt therefrom forms part of the Consolidated Fund of India.

3. It has come to notice that some beneficiaries are being denied the benefit, subsidy or service for various reasons such as not having Aadhaar; failure of authentication; and other extraneous circumstances like electricity outage, internet connectivity issues etc despite above provisions of Aadhaar Act and other adequate mechanisms to handle such exceptions already provided in the Regulations and notifications issued under Section 7.

4. Therefore, the following exception handling mechanism and back-up identity authentication mechanisms may be followed for implementation to ensure seamless delivery of subsidy, benefit or service to beneficiary:

- Till the time Aadhaar is assigned to a beneficiary, he/she shall be provided subsidy, benefit or service based on alternate identification document as notified by the Ministry/Department in the relevant notification issued under the provision of Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016. The notifications also give powers to both Central Ministry and State Governments (as the case may be) to add more alternate documents depending on local conditions.



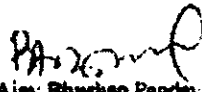
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- b. In case of failure of Biometric authentication due to network/connectivity issue or due to poor biometric of resident etc, he/she shall be provided subsidy, benefit or service based on possession of Aadhaar by him/her as provided in Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 and the notification.
  - c. In case of a family based scheme, such as PDS, an option shall be provided that any member of the family can authenticate and receive the benefit, as notified by the Ministry/Department in the relevant notification issued under the provision of Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016. This flexibility should be used for ensuring delivery of benefit in case biometric authentication for a member (senior) fails.
  - d. The State Governments/Implementing agency should also make special arrangements for bed ridden senior residents to get them verified/ authenticated including but not limited to sending a village level worker to their home for this purpose.
  - e. All such exception handling shall be recorded in the system and steps be taken to avoid any misuse of the exception. The front end service provider shall also maintain record of exception such as copy of Aadhaar letter, signature/thumbprint of the beneficiary and other supporting documents as notified by the Ministry/Department.
  - f. The Ministry/Department shall devise and implement mechanism for audit and inspection of such exceptions.
5. The Ministries/Department are requested to issue appropriate directions to the State Governments/Implementing agencies for the above exception handling mechanism and also monitor the same on periodical basis.

  
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