

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
PLANNING AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

No.12019/PRD-2022/DBT

Puducherry, the 18.10.2022

**CIRCULAR**

Sub: Implementation of DBT schemes - Issue of Aadhaar notification -  
Reg.

Ref: Letter No.13016/01/2021-DBT dt. 20.09.2022 received from DBT  
Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi.

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Copy of the letter under reference cited above is enclosed herewith wherein Puducherry status of DBT schemes has been indicated that since none of the State's schemes have been notified under Aadhaar Act and it is requested to complete Aadhaar notification of the schemes and updated DBT Bharat Portal accordingly.

On examination of DBT Bharat Portal it is observed that Civil Supplies Department alone has notified their schemes under Aadhaar Act in the portal. Copy of the notification issued by the Civil Supplies Department is enclosed. The remaining department yet to notify the same.

In view of the above, all the DBT implementing departments hereby requested that all those schemes involving expenditure incurred from the consolidated fund of UT of Puducherry / Consolidated Fund of Govt. of India may be notified under Aadhaar Act and update the DBT Bharat portal accordingly. Before updating in the Bharat Portal, Departments may ensure that approval of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor is obtained and copy marked to this department.

In order to ascertain the status of DBT scheme in respect of UT of Puducherry, it is proposed to hold a review meeting in the Training Hall of this department on **26.10.2022 at 11.00.a.m.**

Hence the Nodal Officers of DBT implementing departments are hereby requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting with relevant particulars. Nodal Officers are also requested to furnish the list of new schemes proposed to be included in the State DBT portal. Director (IT) and Sr. Technical Director (NIC) are also hereby requested to make it convenient to chair the meeting.

  
(V.Aroulmoji)  
Joint Director (i/c) 18/10

Encl: as above

To

All DBT schemes implementing departments

Copy to:

1. PS to Chief Secretary
2. PS to Development Commissioner-cum- Pr.Secretary.
3. Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Chief Secretariat, Puucherry.

## Puducherry

(i) Director (Planning) informed that out of 23 identified schemes, End-to-end digitization of 22 schemes is completed and that of remaining one scheme is under progress through own Portal. It is likely to be completed in 3 months' time. JS (DBT) requested to expedite the process.

(ii) It was further informed that 8 schemes have already brought on UMANG and remaining scheme will be made available on UMANG by December, 2022. Director (NeGD) observed that a holistic approach is needed by the UT to bring all citizen-centric services including online applications on UMANG. JS (DBT) also requested the UT to evaluate their services and on-board all identified services on UMANG by October 2022. Since none of the state's schemes have been notified, he further requested the UT to complete Aadhaar notification of their schemes and update the DBT Bharat Portal accordingly.

[Action: Puducherry]

### 6.15 Sikkim

(i) Deputy Director (DBT Cell) informed 1 scheme is already end-to-end digitized and remaining 2 are in process through the Sikkim Sign-on portal. The State highlighted some issues with respect to digitization of these schemes and the on-boarding of Sikkim Sign-on portal on UMANG which may require some architecture level modifications. A meeting with the IT department is being convened in this regard. The State was requested to also invite UMANG team in the said meeting to better understand the issues being faced by the State.

(ii) The State was requested to notify these schemes under Section 7 or 4 of Aadhaar Act on priority.

[Action: Sikkim]

### 6.16 Tripura

(i) Additional Secretary (Finance) informed that out of 116 DBT schemes, digitization of 58 cash-based schemes on Beneficiary Management System (BMS) is in advanced stages and will be complete by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. For 6 in-kind schemes, a new portal is under development which will be integrated with NPCI for disbursing benefits through eRUPI voucher mode. Of remaining, 12 schemes have been exempted from digitization and State is considering exempting 40 schemes as their financial outlay is very low.

(ii) Total 57 schemes are notified under Section 7 or 4 of Aadhaar Act and remaining are in process, which will be done by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. Keeping in view the limited technical resources, the State requested for URL redirection of services on UMANG, followed by a phase-wise API-based integration in the next 3-6 months.

(iii) JS (DBT) requested the State to expedite remaining work related to digitization. He requested the State to separately share their experience with respect to implementation of eRUPI in the State for dissemination with other States/UTs. The State was also requested that keeping in view the ease of citizens, API-based integration may be completed on UMANG in a time-bound manner.

[Action: Tripura]

### 6.17 West Bengal

(i) Secretary (Finance) informed that the State has on-boarded 72 State Schemes on DBT Bharat portal, of which 10 are end-to-end digitized through Jai Bangla portal. NIC West Bengal is in advanced stages of developing the State DBT Portal, which is proposed to be used for end-to-end digitization of remaining 62 State DBT schemes. The portal is also envisaged to act as the integrated social registry in the State. The decision regarding on-boarding schemes on UMANG and their notification under relevant Section of Aadhaar Act is also under consideration.

(ii) JS (DBT) requested the State to work expeditiously towards digitization of 62 remaining schemes, on-boarding of already digitized 10 schemes on UMANG mobile app in parallel, along with notification of schemes under Aadhaar Act. It was also clarified that the State may consider exempting schemes from digitization based on number and nature of beneficiaries, life cycle of schemes, financial outlay etc.

[Action: West Bengal]



## ANNEXURE

(a) Whether the dispute raised by the petitioner Thiru R. Ramesh Raja, Sedarapet, Puducherry, against the management of M/s. Matrix Stampi Limited, Puducherry, over non-employment is justified or not? If justified, what relief the petitioner is entitled to?

(b) To compute the relief if any, awarded in terms of money if, it can be so computed?

(By order)

**D. MOHAN KUMAR,**  
Under Secretary to Government (Labour).

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

(G.O. Ms. No. 02, Puducherry, the 4th August 2021)

## 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 Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Puducherry (hereinafter referred to as the Department/Implementing Agency), notified the following Schemes (hereinafter referred to as the Schemes), as amended from time to time;

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme
(a)	The distribution of sugar during Deepavali festival/Onam festival at Free of Cost to all the Ration Card holders of Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions, notified on 27-10-2009 by the Government of Puducherry.
(b)	The Puducherry free supply of rice, edible oil and other essential food-grains every month to all Ration Card holders, notified on 04-07-2016 by the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Puducherry.
(c)	Food subsidy under National Food Security Act, 2013 notified on 17-01-2018.
(d)	Distribution of Festival items at free of cost to all the BPL/AAY Ration Card holders of Union territory of Puducherry, notified on 30-01-2018 by the Government of Puducherry.

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

4. And whereas, the aforesaid Schemes at para 2 above involve recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of Union territory of Puducherry/ the Consolidated Fund of India.

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 Government of Union territory of Puducherry hereby notifies the following, namely:-

(i) An individual eligible for receiving the benefits under the Scheme 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 Scheme, 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 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](http://www.uidai.gov.in)) to get enrolled for Aadhaar.

(iii) 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, benefits under the Scheme shall be given to such individual, subject to the production of the following documents, namely:-

- (a) If, he has enrolled, his 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) Passport; or
  - (iv) Family Ration Card; or
  - (v) Voter's Identity Card; or
  - (vi) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) Card, or
  - (vii) Kisan Photo Passbook, or
  - (viii) Driving Licence issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles 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 letterhead; 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.

6. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the 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.

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 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;

(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 QR Code reader shall be provided at the convenient locations by the Department through its Implementing Agency.

8. In addition to the above, in order to ensure that no *bona fide* beneficiary under the Scheme is deprived of his due benefits, the Department through its 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 Government of Puducherry. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their I.D No. 1650/FC/FD/F4/A4/2020-2021, dated 10-3-2021.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,  
Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs.