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Sub: PRD- Minutes of the Technical Steering Committee Meeting
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The first meeting of the Technical Steering Committee was convened on 21.1.2022 under the Chairmanship of Development Commissioner-cum-Principal Secretary(Plg.) to discuss the setting up of a Unified Data Hub for online validation and De-duplication service in respect of welfare schemes.

The Minutes of the Meeting is forwarded for favour of information and action.


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Director (Plg.)

To

- 1. Secretary to Govt. (Industries & Commerce), Puducherry.
- 2. Director of School Education, Puducherry.
- 3. Deputy Collector, Karaikal
- 4. Deputy Commissioner(Excise), Excise Department.
- 5. Regional Administrator, Yanam
- 6. Director, Planning and Research Department.
- 7. Senior Technical Director, National Informatics Centre, Puducherry.
- 8. Director, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department.
- 9. Director, Dept. of Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare.

} Special Invitees

Copy to :

- 1. PS to Chief Secretary
- 2. PS to DC-cum-Principal Secretary(Plg.)

**Minutes of the Technical Steering Committee Meeting held on
21.01.2022**

The first meeting of the Technical Steering Committee On Unified Data Hub was held on 21.01.2022 at 3:00 p.m. under the Chairmanship of Development Commissioner-cum-Pr. Secretary (Plg.) in the Video Conference Hall , 4th Floor, Chief Secretariat to discuss the setting up of a Unified Data Hub for streamlining the implementation of various welfare schemes and to avoid duplication, if any, on deliveries of entitlement to the beneficiaries, in the U.T. of Puducherry.

At the outset, the Senior Technical Director (STD), National Informatics Centre (NIC) extended a warm welcome to the Chairman and Members of the Technical Steering Committee for the first meeting. In his address, he emphasised the purpose of setting up Unified Data Hub and its primary application which eases the Government Departments delivery services through various welfare schemes. Each scheme identified targeted beneficiaries by conducting field survey, camps, service windows, etc. All the Departments need to maintain their service delivery database to identify the actual eligible beneficiary under each scheme by proper validation and de-duplication method. Further, Senior Technical Director (NIC) pointed out that the linkage of Aadhaar and Ration Card with the beneficiary record is a process by which unique IDs of residents can be created which enables authentication as well as de-duplication during service delivery.

The golden records thus created will also include various other fields such as occupation, ownership of motor vehicle, ownership of immovable property like land holdings, etc from the available source of the respective line departments. The golden data needs to be stored in Central Repository (CR) where the complete population data is maintained which can be utilised by the departments for various requirements.

In the initial take up stage, CR has to be created and maintained by the National Informatics Centre. All the Department require a reliable mechanism for Data validation, de-duplication and cross reference process. Because of the cross references, the invalid Aadhaar seeded can be identified and in the NSFA, Data invalid Data can be ascertained. DC-cum-Pr.Secy(Plg.) suggested that maintenance of Central Repository (CR) with necessary web services for data updation, data format specifications, analytics, provide access control, audit trail and work flow based system should be taken control by the technical support of NIC.

The implementation of UDH involves four stages to be maintained : Stage 0 - Initiative stage , Stage 1- Prepare stage , Configure and Delivery under Stage -2 and the last stage 3 - Support stage. The following action has been initiated in stage 0 i.e., submission of proposal, approval of the proposal, man power resources, regulatory framework (notification for usage of Aadhaar), preparation of SoP for the Departments and technical architecture were completed. Under Stage-0 works yet to be taken off will be setting up of Aadhaar Vault preparation. An MOU has to be signed for

which necessary documents are provided to P&R. With respect to manpower resources, NIC is requested to identify the manpower as approval is accorded for release of funds. The work order will be issued to empanelled agencies once the funds are sent to NICS by P&R.

The objectives of the Central Repository is to provide online validation of Aadhaar and Ration card data through secured uploading of Data with necessary access control. The other objective is the department will upload the scheme specific data along with seeded Ration card and Aadhaar Data. Finally, incremental data will be uploaded to the Central Repository (CR).

Secretary to Govt.(Industries and Commerce) presented a PPT, wherein, it was briefed that Telangana Government has adopted some parameters for identifying the Below Poverty Line People in the State. For example, if a farmer is having three acres of land, he comes under Above Poverty Line (APL). Similarly, an individual who has own car, a family having concrete house are considered under APL. The e-governance system implemented by Telangana Government is a good system where Aadhaar is linked for all the welfare oriented schemes. Each Department is sharing data with other departments in the Telangana state. Secretary (Industries) also requested P&R to create a whatsapp group for Technical Steering Committee to share any important details / messages.

While concluding DC-cum-Pr.Secy(Plg.) suggested that database format is be designed in such a way that additional fields may be created, if and when required. Director (Civil Supplies) and Director (Fisheries) be also included in the Technical Steering Committee as Special Invitees in the Technical Steering Committee since the pilot project would initially include data of Civil Supplies and Fisheries. Planning and Research Department may collect the scheme-wise guidelines pertaining to the Welfare schemes, implemented by both the Central and the UT, along with criteria for eligible category.

Finally, DC-cum-Pr.Secy(Plg.) thanked all the Members and requested to speed up the initiatives to set up a Unified Data Hub in association with the National Informatics Centre and complete the task within stipulated time.

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