No.B.17026/01/2022/Wel(SCW)
GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
ADI DRAVIDAR WELFARE AND SCHEDULED TRIBES WELFARE SECRETARIAT

Puducherry, the 22/12/2022

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 Adi-Dravidar Welfare and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department, Puducherry (hereinafter referred to as the Department), notified the following Schemes (hereinafter referred to as the Schemes), as amended from time to time;

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme
	EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEME
a.	Scheme of Pre-Matric scholarship for needy Scheduled Tribes Students studying in classes in IX & X (CSS)
b.	Scheme of Post-Matric scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes for studies in India (CSS)
c.	Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and others(CSS)
d.	Post Matric Scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes for studies in India (CSS)
e.	Award of Pre-Matric Scholarship to Scheduled Caste Students studying from VI to X Std in Government Schools and Government recognized Private Schools in the UT of Puducherry
f.	Grant of Opportunity cost to the Parents of Scheduled caste Girl Children studying Middle and Secondary classes.
g.	Grant of full fees to the eligible Scheduled Caste& Scheduled Tribes Students irrespective of income ceiling to pursue their studies in any private school recognized by Government including Government aided schools and to pursue higher / professional courses in Colleges and Universities, in the UT of Puducherry
h.	Scheme for the grant of Ad-hoc merit grants to Scheduled Caste students who secured 65% and above marks in the X Standard/Metric/Brevet Public Examination
i.	Grant of free Laptop computers to the Scheduled Caste students studying Engineering/MCA course
j.	Dr. Ambedkar memorial award to one boy and one girl who secured in highest percentage of marks in Higher Secondary Examination
k.	Grant of Retention Scholarship to Scheduled Caste Girl students studying in I STD to V STD in both Government and Private Educational Institution
l.	Stipend and Merit Scholarship to the Trainees of Government IT Institutes of UT of Puducherry
m.	Admission of Scheduled Caste candidates into the Vocational Training and Aid and Mat weaving course
n.	Admission of Students in Government Hostels
	SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTAL BENEFICIARY SCHEMES
o.	Grant of financial assistance for performance of marriage of poor Scheduled Caste Brides
p.	Grant of financial assistance to the poor Scheduled Castes Pregnant and Lactating Women
q.	Grant of financial assistance to the members of Scheduled Castes patients suffering from Prolonged Diseases
r.	Grant of financial assistance to Scheduled Castes to perform Funeral Rites
s.	Rules for free supply of Dhoties and Sarees to the poor Scheduled Castes
t.	Grant of financial assistance to the below poverty line Scheduled Caste families for construction of sanitary latrines
u.	Grant of financial assistance to the families of fire/fatal accident victims of Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribes people and persons / people engaged in unclean occupation
v.	Grant Incentive for Inter-caste Marriage
w.	The Puducherry house sites / houses allotment (under the scheme of provision of house sites/ houses to Scheduled Castes)
x.	Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Housing Scheme for grant of subsidy for construction of houses to the homeless Scheduled Caste & Other Economically Backward Classes people
y.	Dovetailed Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Housing Scheme for construction of houses for SC/OEBC with Pradhan Manthri Awas Yojana (PMAY) Scheme

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

4. And whereas, the aforesaid Schemes 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 Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry hereby notifies the following, namely:-

(i) An individual / a Child 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/a Child 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 enrollment and in the case of a child subject to the consent of his parents or guardians, before registering for the Schemes provided that he is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per section 3 of the said Act, and such individuals / Children 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.

(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 Tahsildar, 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 / child, the benefits under the Schemes shall be given to such individual / Children, subject to the production of the following documents, namely:-

(a) If, he has enrolled, his Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip and in case of the child his bio-metric update identification slip; and

(b) Anyone of the following documents, as proof of relationship of the beneficiary with the parent or legal guardian as per the extent scheme guidelines in the case of child 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) Birth Certificate issued by the appropriate authority (in case of a child)
(vii) School identity card, duly attested by the Principal of the School containing parents names (in case of a child)
(viii) Army canteen card (in case a child) or
(ix) Pension card (in case a child) or
(x) Ex-service contributory Health scheme (ECHS) or Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and or Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) card (in case of a child)
(xi) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) Card, or
(xii) Kisan Photo Passbook, or
(xiii) Driving License issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988); or
(xiv) Certificate of Identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tahsildar on an official letterhead; or
(xv) 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.

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

10. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide the I.D.No.21129/FC/FD/F5/A2/2022 dated 16.12.2022.

-// By Order of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor //-

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(S. ASOKAN)
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