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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject:** -Notification for use of Aadhaar under Section 7 of Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016("Aadhaar Act") for targeted delivery of financial and other subsidies, benefits and services funded from Consolidated Fund of India

The use of Aadhaar as identifier for delivery of services/benefits/subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in good governance, transparency and efficiency, and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly to them in a convenient and hassle free manner. Aadhaar obviates the need for producing multiple documents to prove identity, etc.

2. The provisions of the Aadhaar Act have come into effect from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and a notification to this effect has been published in the Official Gazette. To give effect to the provisions of the Act, UIDAI has approved Regulations under the Aadhaar Act which too have been notified in the official Gazette. The copy of the Act, rules and regulations made there under are available at UIDAI web site [www.uidai.gov.in](http://www.uidai.gov.in).

3. Section 7 of the Act provides:

*"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 there from 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".*

4. Further, regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016 provides:

*"Any Central or State department or agency which requires an individual to undergo authentication or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number as a condition for receipt of any subsidy, benefit or service pursuant to Section 7 of the Act, shall ensure enrolment of its beneficiaries who are yet to be enrolled, through appropriate measures, including co-ordination with Registrars and setting up enrolment centres at convenient locations or providing enrolment facilities by becoming a Registrar itself".*

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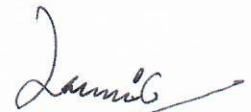
5. Therefore, Central Ministries, which plan to use Aadhaar for delivery of services, benefits and subsidies funded from the Consolidated Fund of India are hereby assigned the power to issue a notification under Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act for the same in consultation with UIDAI which will also be responsible for getting the draft of the notification vetted by the Ministry of Law. The Central Ministries shall designate a Joint Secretary or higher level officer for issuing the notification. Section 7 of the Act read with Regulation 12 of the **Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016** require that the notification must include all of the following three points:

5.1. The notification shall mention the service, benefits or subsidies funded from the Consolidated Fund of India, which will require, as a condition precedent, a beneficiary applicant to undergo Aadhaar Authentication or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number.

5.2. The notification shall mention that in case the applicant does not have Aadhaar number, he will be required to make an application for Aadhaar enrolment, if he is entitled to obtain one under Section 3 of the Aadhaar Act and the arrangement made by the concerned Central Ministries/State Governments, as the case may be, to provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities to him. Regulation 12 of the said Regulations casts responsibility on the Ministries /State Governments or agencies under their control to facilitate/ provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations. In case, there are no existing enrolment facilities nearby, they are required to become UIDAI registrars so that they can setup enrolment facilities themselves.

UIDAI has already empowered several Central Ministries / State Departments or agencies under their jurisdictions to become its registrar and undertake enrolment of their beneficiaries who are not enrolled for Aadhaar. In case any Ministry, State Government Department or agencies under its control wants to become Registrar, it may do so immediately by applying under Regulation 21 of the said Regulations and contact Regional Offices of UIDAI for this purpose.

5.3. The notification shall list the alternate identity documents and verification methodologies to confirm the identity of the beneficiary applicant to whom Aadhaar number has not been assigned for delivery of benefits, subsidies or services, till such time Aadhaar number is assigned.



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