

**No. I-11011/112/2013-DBT**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Finance**  
**Department of Expenditure**  
**DBT Mission**

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

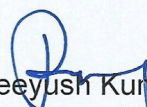
**Subject:** W. P (C) No. 37/2015 tagged with W.P. (C) 494/2012 - Adherence of the interim orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court - reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to DBT Mission's O.M. of even number dated 24.3.2015 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has passed the interim orders on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

2. The Hon'ble Court in its interim order has directed that Aadhaar number will be used for the purpose of distribution of foodgrains, etc. and cooking fuel, such as kerosene and LPG distribution scheme.

3. The interim orders are in consonance with Justice Wadhwa Committee report which deliberated the issue of use of biometric to curb diversion and to ensure that the stock under PDS is issued to actual bonafide beneficiaries. The report was accepted by Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 14.9.2011 in W.P. (C) 196/2001 People's Union for Civil Liberties Vs U.O.I. & others

4. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and all concerned public authorities in States/UTs are requested to take prompt action accordingly.

  
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To

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Department of Food & Public Distribution, New Delhi
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, New Delhi
3. The Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, New Delhi
4. The Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services, New Delhi
5. The Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs, New Delhi
6. The Chief Secretary/Administrator of all States/UTs.

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1. Principal Secretary to Prime Minister
2. PS to Cabinet Secretary
3. PS to Finance Minister
4. PS to Minister of State for Finance