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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

BACKWARD CLASSES, MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT

SOCIAL JUSTICE HOSTELS – HOSTEL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM – SOFTWARE – STUDENT APPLICATION MODULE - USE OF AADHAAR AUTHENTICATION FOR THE BENEFICIARIES - AS PER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 7 OF AADHAAR (TARGETED DELIVERY OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER SUBSIDIES, BENEFITS AND SERVICES) ACT, 2016

*G.O.Ms.No. 31, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare [BCI(2)], 10th June 2026,
வைகாசி 27, பராபவ, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு-2057.]*

No. II(1)/BCMBCM7(t)/2026.

WHEREAS, the use of Aadhaar number 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;

AND WHEREAS, Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare, Directorate of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities and Directorate of Minorities Welfare (hereinafter referred to as the Departments), is administering Hostels and implementing the Hostels Management Information System Software through student application module while applying for hostels admission.

AND WHEREAS, under the Scheme, the Welfare Assistance (hereinafter referred to as the benefit) is given to every eligible registered students on Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes / Denotified Communities and Minorities Welfare hostels (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries) by the implementing the Scheme guidelines and those staff working in the Hostels are also covered under this scheme.

AND WHEREAS, the aforesaid Scheme involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of the State of Tamil Nadu.

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (Central Act 18 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Government of Tamil Nadu hereby notifies the following, namely:-

(1) An individual eligible for receiving the benefits under the Scheme shall be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.

(2) 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) to get enrolled for Aadhaar.

(3) As per regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Departments 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 Taluk 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 in original, namely:-

- (a) If he has enrolled, his Aadhaar Enrolment Identification Slip; and
- (b) Any one 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) Voter Identity Card; or
 - (v) Driving license issued by the Licensing Authority Under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988); or
 - (vi) Certificate of identity having a photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tahsildar on an Official letterhead; or
 - (vii) Any other document as specified by the State Government

Provided further that the above documents may be checked by an Officer specifically designated by the department for that purpose.

2. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Scheme 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.

3. In all cases, where Aadhaar authentication (facial/finger prints) 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 the biometric authentication through facial or fingerprints is not successful, wherever feasible and admissible, authentication shall be by Aadhaar One Time Password or Time -Based One-Time Password with limited time validity, as the case may be, should be offered and
- (b) 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 code printed on the Aadhaar Card in original and necessary arrangement of Quick Response Code reader shall be provided at the convenient locations by the Departments through its Implementing Agency.

4. In addition to the above, in order to ensure that no bonafide beneficiary under the Scheme is deprived of his due benefits, the Departments through its implementing Agency shall follow the exception-handling mechanism as outlined in the Office Memorandum of Direct Benefit Transfer Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, dated the 19th of December 2017.

5. This Notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.

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Secretary to Government.