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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

SOCIAL WELFARE AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT

MANDATORY USE OF AADHAAR NUMBER UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE AADHAAR (TARGETED DELIVERY OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER SUBSIDIES, BENEFITS AND SERVICES) ACT, 2016

[G.O.Ms. No.29, Social Welfare and Women Empowerment (SW-3(2)), 6th October 2026, புரட்டாசி 19, பராபவ, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2057.]

No. II(1)/SWWE/22(a)/2026.

WHEREAS, the use of Aadhaar as an identify 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, the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department (hereinafter referred to as the Department) is administering the 'Annan Seer' Scheme (hereinafter referred to as these scheme), to support eligible women at the time of their marriage by providing 8 grams of 22-karat gold coin along with a silk saree, subject to the eligibility conditions and guidelines prescribed under the Scheme; which is being implemented through the Directorate of Social Welfare (hereinafter referred to as the Implementing Agency);

AND WHEREAS, under the Scheme, 8 grams of 22-karat gold coin and a silk saree (hereinafter referred to as the benefit given to eligible women residing in the State of Tamil Nadu (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries), as per the prescribed scheme guidelines;

AND WHEREAS, the above said scheme offered through the implementing Agency involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund 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 Act) the Government of Tamil Nadu hereby notifies the following, namely :-

(1) An individual eligible for receiving the benefit under the 'Annan Seer' Scheme is required to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.

(2) An eligible individual desirous of availing benefit under the Scheme, who does not possess an Aadhaar number or has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, shall be required to apply for Aadhaar enrolment before registering for the scheme provided that she is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per section 3 of the said Act, and such women shall visit any Aadhar enrolment centre (list available at the unique identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website www.uidai.gov.in to get enrolled for Aadhar.

(3) 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 Tehsil, the Department through its implementing Agency shall provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in co-ordination 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 above Scheme shall be given to such individuals, subject to the production of the following identification documents, namely:-

(a) If she has enrolled, her Aadhaar Enrolment Identification Slip; or

(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) Ration Card; or

(v) Voter Identity Card; or

(vi) MGNREGA Card; or

(vii) Kisan Photo passbook; or

(viii) Driving license issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988); or

(ix) Certificate of identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tahsildar on an official letter head; or

(x) Government photo ID card or;

(xi) any other documents 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.

2. In order to provide the benefits in a convenient and hassle-free manner to the beneficiaries, the implementing agency shall make all the required arrangements including the following, namely:-

(i) Wide publicity through electronic and print media shall be given to make beneficiaries aware of the requirements of Aadhaar under the above Scheme and they may be advised to get themselves enrolled in the nearest Aadhaar Enrolment Centres available in their areas, in case they are not already enrolled. The list of locally available Enrolment Centres shall be made available to the beneficiaries.

(ii) In case, the beneficiaries are not able to enroll for Aadhaar due to non-availability of centres within their vicinity, the implementing agency to facilitate Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations and the beneficiaries can be requested to register their request for Aadhaar enrolment.

3. In all cases, where Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries of 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 the 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

4. In addition to the above, in order to ensure that no bona fide 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.

5. This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

M. PALLAVI BALDEV,
Secretary to Government.

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