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**From: The Special Secretary (IT)
to the Government of West Bengal**

**To: 1) The Director of DDP&S
2) The Director of Rationing**

Sub: Increase of the time limit of exemption in case of PVTG (Lodha, Birhor and Toto) beneficiary

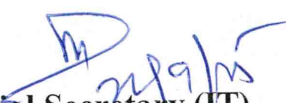
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Sir,

To ensure that no genuine beneficiary is deprived of his/her entitled food grain due to non availability of Aadhaar or failure of biometric (Fingerprint and IRIS), the Department had issued the above referred order authorizing Area inspectors and SCF&S/RO to mark and exempt certain vulnerable categories of Card holders viz Deprived Women, Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group, People with missing finger/fingerprint, People staying in a charitable home etc.

This meant that Ration card of the beneficiaries exempted by the SCFS/RO/Area Inspector will remain active in spite of not having aadhaar seeded with their Ration cards. However this relaxation is limited to a definite time period. For cards that exempted as PVTG groups i.e Lodha, Birhor and Toto, the exemption time limit as per the order was only 3 months.

Now after careful consideration of the matter, the Department has decided to extend time limit for exemption for PVTG cards from 3 month to 1 year.

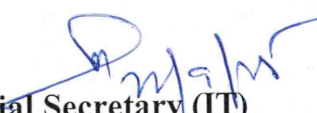

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