

**Government of West Bengal  
Food & Supplies Department  
11-A/Mirza Ghalib Street. Kolkata-87**

Memo No- 2669/FS/O/Sectt/IT-12/2014 (Part)

Date-2/11/20

**From**  
Special Secretary to the Govt of West Bengal

**To**

- 1) Deputy Director of Rationing (All)
- 2) District Controller Food & Supplies (All)

Sub-Completion of Aadhaar Seeding with Digital Ration Card and  
Aadhaar authenticated Foodgrain distribution.

Ref- Departmental Order no-3887/FS/O/Sectt/IT-09/2014 (Part-I),  
Dt-18/9/2020 .

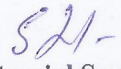
Department issued order vide memo no mentioned above for seeding of Aadhaar number and mobile number with Digital Ration Card through ePoS for bringing more transparency in Public Distribution System. After issuance of the order, significant development has been achieved regarding Seeding till March 2020. Around six crore Digital cards have already been seeded with Aadhaar. District wise status is enclosed in Annexure-A. After nationwide Lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic, this seeding process was hampered badly.

As the Unlock process is going on and as the Constitutional bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court also has upheld the validity of section 7 of the Aadhaar act thereby rendering the Aadhaar seeding of the Ration card is compulsory as per the said section. A resolution was also taken in a all party meeting of MLAs held on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 under Chairmanship of Hon'ble Speaker, and it was resolved that Aadhaar card should be linked with Ration card through ePoS machine for distribution of foodgrain. Accordingly it has been directed to complete the seeding process by **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020**.

In view of the above, it is requested to please take all possible steps to expedite the seeding process, so that it can be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Besides, it is also requested that, utmost priority should be given for Aadhaar authenticated foodgrain distribution through ePoS against those beneficiaries, Digital Ration Cards of whom have already been Seeded and validated by UIDAI. This validated card details already available in ePoS for Biometric authenticated transaction.

**At the time of food grain distribution through ePoS, it should be noted that no one can be deprived of the foodgrain for non production of Aadhaar number or failing of Aadhar authentication reason.**


  
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14. District Magistrate All.
15. Additional Secretary, F&S Department.
16. Director of Rationing.
17. Director of DDP&S.
18. SCF&S All.
19. R.O All.
20. P.S to HMIC F&S.
21. PS to Principal Secretary, F&S Department.
22. Linkwell Telesystem Limited .
23. Webel Technology Limited .
24. General Secretary West Bengal M.R Dealer's Association.
25. General Secretary All Bengal Fair Price Shop Dealer's welfare Association.
26. Guard file.

  
**Special Secretary**  
**Food & Supplies Department**

Annexure to letter no- 2669/FS/O/3004/17-12/2014 (POA)

DCF&S and DDR wise seeding report

DCF&S/DDR	Total Digital card seeded
DCFS-ALIPURDUAR	1045538
DCFS-BANKURA	2376916
DCFS-BARDHAMAN	2916406
DCFS-BIRBHUM	2524724
DCFS-COOCH BEHAR	1884680
DCFS-DAKSHIN DINAJPUR	1055222
DCFS-DARJEELING	874191
DCFS-HOOGHLY	3308811
DCFS-HOWRAH	2562927
DCFS-JALPAIGURI	1470105
DCFS-JHARGRAM	683238
DCFS-KALIMPONG	180114
DCFS-MALDAH	2970500
DCFS-MURSHIDABAD	5981748
DCFS-NADIA	4311260
DCFS-NORTH TWENTY FOUR PARGANAS	4688201
DCFS-PASCHIM BARDHAMAN	988566
DCFS-PASCHIM MIDNAPORE	3582635
DCFS-PURBA MIDNAPORE	4115819
DCFS-PURULIA	1997345
DCFS-SOUTH TWENTY FOUR PARGANAS	5402731
DCFS-UTTAR DINAJPUR	2156074
DDR-Asansol	444476
DDR-Barrackpore	1041262
DDR-Hoogly	529991
DDR-Howrah	441295
DDR-Kolkata North	531503
DDR-Kolkata South	607766
<b>Total</b>	<b>60674044</b>