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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Department of Food and Supplies

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NOTIFICATION

No. 522-FNS/99/29/2021-IT SEC

Dated, Kolkata, the 16th February, 2022.

WHEREAS, the use of Aadhaar 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, the Department of Food and Supplies, Government of West Bengal (hereinafter referred to as the Department), is administering a Rajya Khadya Suraksha Yojna Scheme (hereinafter referred to as the scheme) to distribute food grains to those eligible citizen through Public Distribution System, who are not covered under the Scheme of NFSA;

AND WHEREAS, under the Scheme, all the beneficiaries are provided with Rajya Khadya Suraksha Yojana Ration Card (hereafter referred to as RKSJ-1 or RKSJ-2 Ration Card) enabling them to get food grains at subsidized rates through PDS;

AND WHEREAS, implementation of the aforesaid Scheme involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Governor is pleased to notify the following, namely: –

- (1) an individual eligible for receiving the benefits under the Scheme shall hereby be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication. However, such furnishing shall not be mandatory for children below age of (5) years, but it is advisable to get the seeding of Ration card with Aadhaar number be done as soon as Aadhaar number is available to them to avoid any future inconvenience.
- (2) any individual desirous of availing benefits under the Scheme, who already possesses the Aadhaar number shall get it seeded with her/his ration card within thirty (30) days of issuance of this notification or such extended period as the State Government may specify.

- (3) 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 by 31st March 2022, 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:

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, mentioned below under (a), (b), (c) namely :-

- (a) Ration Card issued by the Department; **(and)**
- (b) if he has enrolled, his Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip; **(and)**
- (c) 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) MGNREGA Card; or
 - (vi) Kisan Photo passbook; or
 - (vii) Driving License issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988); or
 - (viii) Certificate of identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer of Government or a Group A officer of Local Authority or a Tehsildar on an official letterhead; or
 - (ix) any other document 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.

- (4) in order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Scheme conveniently, the Department 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.
- (5) in all cases, where Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries or due to any other reason, the following remedial mechanisms need to be followed:
- (a) If biometric authentication fails with any one finger of the beneficiary then the beneficiary will be allowed to do biometric authentication with two other fingers put in quick succession on the scanner of device.
 - (b) If Aadhaar based biometric fails, then mobile OTP based authentication will be allowed in which OTP sent to the Aadhaar linked mobile number.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything in the above paragraphs, any member of eligible household ; listed as beneficiary shall be entitled to receive the entire quantity of entitled subsidized food grains under RKSYP, if any one beneficiary of the household fulfills the identification conditions mentioned in the above clause
- (7) Any family that has applied for nomination of any Aadhaar linked beneficiary of the same FPS as the Nominee to do Aadhaar based biometric authentication during the transaction on behalf of the family and the same has been approved by the department, will also be entitled to receive the entire quantity of entitled subsidized food grains under RKSYP.
- (8) This Notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

By order of the Governor,

PARWEZ AHMAD SIDDIQUI, IAS
Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.