

Government of West Bengal
Department of Food & Supplies
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Memo: 4516/ FNS-26012(14)/1/2020-REFORM SEC

Date: 23/12/21

ORDER

Subject: Mandatory Authentication Transaction and Nominee Policy in exception cases

WHEREAS, the Department of Food and Supplies has been endeavouring for quite some time to make Aadhaar based transactions in PDS mandatory,

AND WHEREAS, Aadhaar linking has been completed for 71% Ration card holders and efforts are being made to complete Aadhaar seeding for remaining beneficiaries

AND WHEREAS, the Department aims to make Aadhaar based transactions mandatory but at the same time not deprive any genuine beneficiary of her/his entitlement,

HENCE, it has been decided to introduce following nominee policy for a temporary period of three months from the date of issuance of this order:

1. Any family not having any member with Aadhaar or whose Aadhaar linking is not possible due to any reason like biometric failure etc. would be given an option to appoint up to two nominees. Biometric of the nominee would be allowed while authentication in place of the family members.
2. A family will also be allowed to have maximum of two nominees from two separate families.
3. The person who is being made a nominee must be Ration card holder of the same Fair Price Shop (FPS) and whose Aadhaar seeding has been completed. Consent of the person should be obtained before making her/him a nominee.
4. A new form (Form 15) is being introduced for this purpose. The form can be deposited online or in the Food Inspector office.
5. Approval for becoming a nominee would be issued by the Inspector concerned after satisfying herself/himself of the genuineness of such application. Some indicative

grounds for appointing a nominee are fingerprints being spoiled due which Aadhar cannot be generated, Aadhar applied but not issued, documents not available for residents belonging to Old age/destitute home resulting in rejection of Aadhar application etc.

6. All Family members of children below 5 years of age will be treated as nominee of these children. In case where different category ration card was issued, department would Suo moto designate family members as nominee.
7. While lifting ration, both nominee and one member of the family should be present.

A copy of Form 15 in enclosed herewith. Adequate publicity of the order may be made for information of the general public.


Additional Secretary
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Food & Supplies Department

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