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स्वास्थ्य अनुसंधान विभाग, स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार
कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार

Indian Council of Medical Research
Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health
and Family Welfare, Government of India

सं.16/59/2024-Admn./E.211776

दिनांक: 21/09/2026

सेवा में,

निदेशक/प्रभारी निदेशक
परिषद के सभी संस्थान/केन्द्र

महोदय/महोदया,

विभिन्न मंत्रालयों/विभागों से प्राप्त निम्नलिखित पत्र, सूचना एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही के लिए संलग्न है।

क्रम सं.	संदर्भ संख्या एवं दिनांक	मंत्रालय का नाम	विषय
1.	संख्या: P-12015/1/2025-Policy दिनांक: 07.09.2026	भारत सरकार, सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय, दिव्यांगजन सशक्तीकरण विभाग	निर्धारित सहायता/सहायक उपकरणों की खरीद के लिए अग्रिम राशि की स्वीकृति के संबंध में स्पष्टीकरण।
2.	संख्या:HQ-13078/2/2026 -AUTH-I HQ/(C-20503) दिनांक: 08.09.2026	भारतीय विशिष्ट पहचान प्राधिकरण, (प्रमाणीकरण एवं सत्यापन प्रभाग)	आधार (वित्तीय और अन्य सब्सिडी, लाभ एवं सेवाओं का लक्षित वितरण) अधिनियम, 2016 की धारा 7 के प्रावधानों के अंतर्गत राजपत्र अधिसूचना प्रकाशित करने संबंधी दिशा-निर्देश।
3.	संख्या: E-13/14/15/2026-PR दिनांक: 14.09.2026	श्रम और रोजगार मंत्रालय, श्रम शक्ति भवन, नई दिल्ली	ESIC के माध्यम से सभी श्रमिकों को सामाजिक सुरक्षा कवरेज प्रदान करने के संबंध में डी.ओ. पत्र।

भवदीय,

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- महानिदेशक/अपर महानिदेशक/वरि.उपमहानिदेशक (प्रशा.)/वरि.वित्त सलाहकार के निजी सचिव
- परिषद के सभी प्रभाग प्रमुख
- उपमहानिदेशक (प्रशा.)/सहा. महानिदेशक (प्रशा.)/सहायक महानिदेशक (वित्त)
- डॉ. मनजीत सिंह चालगा, आई.सी.एम.आर. की वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करने के अनुरोध के साथ।

Fwd: Clarification regarding sanction of advance for
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Subject: Clarification regarding sanction of advance for procurement of prescribed aid/assistive devices.

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Respected Sir/Ma'am,

Kindly find the attachment herewith on the subject mentioned above.

Regards

Section Officer (Policy)

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan),

5th Floor, B-Wing, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan,

CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003.

1 Attachment(s)

OM dated 7.9.26.pdf
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No. P-12015/1/2025-Policy
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

5th Floor, B Wing, Pt. Deendayal Antodaya Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road New Delhi-110003
Dated: 07th September, 2026

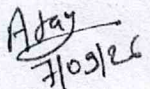
Office Memorandum

Subject: Clarification regarding sanction of advance for procurement of prescribed aid/assistive devices.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Ministry of Civil Aviation's O.M. No. D-5/14/2026-ANG-MOCA dated 21.08.2026 on the above subject, seeking guidance regarding sanction of advance for procurement of prescribed aids/assistive devices for employees with disabilities.

2. Attention is invited to **paragraph 8 of this Department's O.M. dated 22.09.2025**, which provides that aids and assistive devices may be made available either on reimbursement basis or by the Department itself purchasing and providing the same, within the prescribed limit of **₹10 lakh every three years**.

3. In order to facilitate timely provision of reasonable accommodation to employees with disabilities, this Department has no objection to the facilitative modality to allow advance for purchase of assistive device. The Ministries/ Departments may consider to limit the quantum of advance to **80% of the estimated cost** of the prescribed device, subject to the overall ceiling of ₹10 lakh every three years and other conditions stipulated in this Department's O.M. dated 22.09.2025. Any excess amount of advance, if any, shall be recovered/ adjusted in accordance with the applicable financial rules and procedures.


(Ajay Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
(Email: ajay.kumar78@nic.in)

To,

The Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

Copy to: Ministry of Civil Aviation (Kind Attn: Sh. Anurag Pandey, US), Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, Jor Bagh, New Delhi (E-mail: anurag.pandey@nic.in):- with reference to O.M. No. D-5/14/2026-ANG-MOCA dated 21.08.2026.

No. D-5/14/2026-ANG-MOCA
Government of India
Ministry of Civil Aviation

Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, Jor Bagh,
New Delhi, dated: 31.08.2026

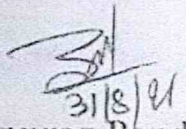
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Seeking clarification regarding sanction of advance for procurement of prescribed aid/assistive devices – reg.

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's O.M. No. 18-130/2025-DD-II dated 22.09.2025 and to state that the cases of Sh. Ashok Aggarwal and Sh. Rama Shankar are under consideration for provision of the prescribed aid/assistive devices.

2. The concerned officers have requested sanction of advance for procurement of the prescribed devices. However, the aforesaid O.M. does not specify the procedure for sanction of advance in such cases.

3. In view of the above, the Department is requested to kindly provide further directions/guidance regarding the procedure to be followed for sanction of advance for procurement of the prescribed aid/assistive devices.


(Anurag Pandey)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To,
(Sh. Ajay Kumar, Under Secretary)
Department of Empowerment of Person with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Copy to :

1. Sh. Ashok Aggarwal, DDO
2. Sh. Rama Shankar, US

Fwd: Guidelines on publishing Gazette notification, under provision of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016.

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Subject: Guidelines on publishing Gazette notification, under provision of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016.

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Respected Madam/Sir,

I am directed to forward Circular No. 8 of 2026 of UIDAI, HQ-13078/2/2026-AUTH-I HQ/ (C-20503) dated 08.09.2026 (copy attached) on the subject cited above, as the guidelines and sample template for publishing gazette notification w.r.t. Section 7 of Aadhaar Act have been revised.

सादर/ Regards,

अमित सिरोही/Amit Sirohi

अनुभाग अधिकारी/Section officer

अधिप्रमाणन एवं सत्यापन अनुभाग -II/ Authentication & Verification Division-II

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1 Attachment(s)

UIDAI circular no. 8 of 2026.pdf
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HQ-13078/2/2026-AUTH-I HQ/ (C-20503)
Unique Identification Authority of India
(Authentication and Verification Division)

UIDAI Head Office
Bangla Sahib Road, Gole Market
New Delhi-110001
Dated: 8th September 2026

Circular No. 8 of 2026

Subject: Guidelines on publishing Gazette notification, under provision of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016

Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 ['Aadhaar Act'] stipulates that as a condition for receipt of a subsidy, benefit or service for which the expenditure is incurred, or receipt therefrom forms part of, the consolidated fund of India or the consolidated fund of State, the Central Government or the State Government may require the individual to undergo Aadhaar authentication or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number or in the case of an individual to whom no Aadhaar number has been assigned, make an application for enrolment. Provided that till such time an Aadhaar number is assigned to such beneficiary, he may establish his identity to avail of the benefits, by presenting his acknowledgement having undergone the process of enrolment, provided by the operator at the enrolment Centre, containing the Enrolment ID (EID) or the other identity documents as specified by Central Government or the State Government.

2. UIDAI in consultation with DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Govt. of India and Legislative Department, Ministry of Law & Justice, Govt. of India has reviewed the existing template of gazette notification as per section 7 of the Aadhaar Act, to include issuance of various documents/ certificates which are being used in determining eligibility of beneficiaries for delivery of benefits/ subsidies/ services under schemes funded by respective governments.

3. All Central Ministries/ Departments and State/UT Government Departments must use the sample template (attached as **Annexure-I**) for the publishing of the gazette notification pursuant to requirement of Aadhaar number under section 7 of the Aadhaar Act. Template in editable format is available on UIDAI's website (www.uidai.gov.in) and may be accessed by searching on it for "Template for section 7 notification". URL for the template is <https://uidai.gov.in/en/authentication-document> [uidai.gov.in → build with us → authentication ecosystem → authentication document]

4. To publish the gazette notification as per the provision of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, Central Ministries or Departments may publish the gazette notification as per the extant process of concerned Government, provided that the published section 7 gazette

notification is exactly as per the UIDAI prescribed format. UIDAI, at the head office or the regional office, must be consulted only if the notification is proposed to be altered in any manner from the prescribed format.

5. Further, as and when any gazette notification for section 7 schemes is published, a copy of the published gazette notification should be mailed to UIDAI at notification.authhq@uidai.net.in for information. In addition, as a one-time measure, copy of all previously published section 7 gazette notifications issued by Ministry/Department of the Centre/State/UT may also be shared through email. An application for onboarding is liable for rejection, if the published section 7 gazette notification is not as per attached format.

6. Ministry/Department may refer, frequently ask questions (attached as **Annexure-II**) regarding SOPs and important points to keep in consideration during notification.

7. This circular supersedes all previous circulars/communications issued by UIDAI for publishing of Gazette notification, under provision of section 7 of the Aadhaar Act, and will come into effect from the date of issue.

8. This issues with the approval of Chief Executive Officer, UIDAI.

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3. Chief Secretaries of State Governments
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4. Special Secretary, DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat
5. All Deputy Directors General (Regional Offices), UIDAI

[TO BE PUBLISHED IN _____¹]Government of _____²_____³**Notification**_____⁴, the _____⁵, 20__⁶

S.O. ____ (E).—Whereas the use of Aadhaar number to establish identity enables individuals to receive subsidies, benefits and services in a convenient and seamless manner, obviates the need for multiplicity of documents to establish identity, simplifies processes and promotes transparency and efficiency;

And whereas, the _____⁷ (hereinafter referred to as the said Ministry or the said Department, as the case may be) in the Government of _____⁸ (hereinafter referred to as the said Government) is administering _____⁹ (hereinafter referred to as the said scheme);

OR

And whereas, _____¹⁰ (hereinafter referred to as the said agency) under the administrative purview of the _____¹¹ (hereinafter referred to as the said Ministry or the said Department, as the case may be) in the Government of _____¹² (hereinafter referred to as the said Government) is administering _____¹³ (hereinafter referred to as the said scheme);

And whereas, _____¹⁴ (hereinafter referred to as the said ¹⁵subsidy / benefit / service) is given to the _____¹⁶ under the said scheme and the instructions and guidelines issued in respect thereof;

¹ <The Gazette Of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-Section (ii)> OR, in respect of a State, appropriate reference to the Official Gazette of the State concerned

² <India> or name of State

³ Name of Ministry or Department or both

⁴ Name of city

⁵ Date and month

⁶ Year

⁷ Name of Ministry or Department

⁸ <India> or name of State

⁹ Name of scheme

¹⁰ Name of scheme implementing agency, if other than Ministry or Department

¹¹ Name of Ministry or Department

¹² <India> or name of State

¹³ Name of scheme

¹⁴ Description of Subsidy or benefit or service for receipt of which proof of Aadhaar number is proposed to be made necessary

¹⁵ <subsidy> or <benefit> or <service>, whichever is applicable one

¹⁶ Description of class of individuals eligible to receive subsidy, benefit or service, as determined by the said agency

¹⁷And whereas, the determination of eligibility for receipt of the said subsidy / benefit / service under the said scheme involves issuance of the _____¹⁸ by the said Ministry or the Department;

And whereas, expenditure for the said scheme is incurred from the Consolidated Fund of _____¹⁹;

And whereas, the said Government, for the purpose of establishing identity of an Aadhaar number holder as a condition for the receipt of the said subsidy / benefit / service, requires that such Aadhaar number holder undergoes authentication, or furnishes proof of possession of Aadhaar number or in the case of an individual to whom no Aadhaar number has been assigned to, make an application for such enrolment;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the provisions 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 Government of _____²⁰ hereby notifies the following, namely—

1. (1) An individual desirous of availing of the said subsidy / benefit / service under the said scheme shall be required to undergo authentication, or furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number.

(2) In case such an individual has not been assigned an Aadhaar number, he shall be required to make an application for enrolment:

Provided that if that individual is a child, such application shall be made only with the consent of his parent or legal guardian.

(3) In accordance with the provisions of regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the said _____²¹ shall ensure enrolment of such individuals who are yet to be enrolled, or update their Aadhaar details through appropriate measures, including coordination with Registrars and setting up enrolment centres at convenient locations or providing enrolment facilities by becoming a Registrar itself:

Provided that till such time an Aadhaar number is assigned to such individual, he may establish his identity to avail of the said subsidy / benefit / service, by presenting the following documents to which he is entitled and which are valid at the time of presentation, or, in case the software provided or authorised by the said _____²² for such identification supports electronic obtaining of information evidencing the contents of such documents from the database of the authorities dealing with the preparation or maintenance thereof, by giving his consent for so obtaining, namely:—

¹⁷ [To be included only where the subsidy / benefit / service under the said scheme is based on the eligibility determined on the issuance of government service / documents, else omit]

¹⁸ Name of certificate which is to be utilized to determine the eligibility for the said scheme and for which the expenditure is made from Consolidated Fund of India / State

¹⁹ <India> or <State>

²⁰ <India> or name of State

²¹ <Ministry> or <Department> or <agency>

²² <Ministry> or <Department> or <agency>

For a child below eighteen years of age to whom an Aadhaar number has not been assigned—

- (a) the acknowledgement of the individual having undergone the process of enrolment, provided by the operator at the enrolment centre, containing the Enrolment ID; and
- (b) any one of the following documents to evidence that the individual is a child below eighteen years of age, namely—
 - (i) certificate of birth given under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 (18 of 1969), as extracted from the entry made in the register of births regarding the birth of the individual;
 - (ii) Indian passport;
 - (iii) certificate or statement of marks of matriculation or 10th class or higher secondary or 12th class, issued by a recognised Board of school education;
 - (iv) in respect of a child in need of care and protection or a child in conflict with law, who is housed in a child care institution registered as such with the State Government concerned under the rules made by it under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (2 of 2016), certificate specifying his date of birth issued by the person-in-charge, superintendent, Child Welfare Officer or probation officer of such institution; or
 - (v) in respect of a foreign national—
 - (I) if he is an Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder, Overseas Citizen of India Card;
 - (II) if he is a Tibetan refugee, registration certificate issued by a Foreigners Regional Registration Office;
 - (III) if he is a national of Nepal or Bhutan, passport of Nepal or Bhutan;
 - (IV) if he is other than a Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder, Tibetan refugee or a national of Nepal or Bhutan, either an Indian visa along with foreign passport or a Long Term Visa to India along with currently valid or expired foreign passport; or
- (c) Any one of the following documents, having the photograph of the individual, to evidence his relationship with the parent or legal guardian, namely—
 - (i) Ration card;
 - (ii) Caste certificate or domicile certificate, issued by a Gazetted officer who is an Executive Magistrate or a revenue officer of the State Government, not below the rank of Tahsildar;
 - (iii) medical or insurance identity card issued by a government entity or public sector enterprise to a retired or serving public servant or his family member;
 - (iv) Indian passport;

- (v) certificate or statement of marks of matriculation or 10th class or higher secondary or 12th class, issued by a recognised Board of school education;
- (vi) in respect of a child in need of care and protection or a child in conflict with law, who is housed in a child care institution registered as such with the State Government concerned under the rules made by it under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (2 of 2016), certificate specifying his date of birth issued by the person-in-charge, superintendent, Child Welfare Officer or probation officer of such institution; or
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 - (II) if he is a Tibetan refugee, registration certificate issued by a Foreigners Regional Registration Office;
 - (III) if he is a national of Nepal or Bhutan, passport of Nepal or Bhutan;
 - (IV) if he is other than a Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder, Tibetan refugee or a national of Nepal or Bhutan, either an Indian visa along with foreign passport or a Long Term Visa to India along with currently valid or expired foreign passport; or
- (viii) in respect of an individual who has a legal guardian, adoption order or other document to evidence legal guardianship, which is issued by a court of law or competent authority under the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 (8 of 1890), the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (2 of 2016), the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 (44 of 1999) or the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) and the applicable rules and regulations made under the said Acts; or
- (ix) any other document as the said _____²³ may specify.

And / Or²⁴

For individuals aged eighteen years or more to whom an Aadhaar number has not been assigned—

- (a) the acknowledgement of the individual having undergone the process of enrolment, provided by the operator at the enrolment centre, containing the Enrolment ID; and
- (b) any one of the following documents, having the individual's photograph, namely—

²³ <Ministry> or <Department>

²⁴ <And>, if both age range are eligible to receive the subsidy / benefit / service. Else omit the non-eligible age range

- (i) Elector's Photo Identity Card issued by the Election Commission of India;
- (ii) Ration card;
- (iii) caste certificate or domicile certificate, issued by a Gazetted officer who is an Executive Magistrate or a revenue officer of the State Government, not below the rank of Tahsildar;
- (iv) medical or insurance identity card issued by a government entity or public sector enterprise to a retired or serving public servant or his family member;
- (v) Indian passport;
- (vi) certificate or statement of marks of matriculation or 10th class or higher secondary or 12th class, issued by a recognised Board of school education;
- (vii) identity card or other identity document issued to serving or retired public servant by a government entity or a public sector enterprise;
- (viii) disability certificate issued by notified medical authority under Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017, or Unique Disability Identification card issued by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (*Divyangjan*), Government of India;
- (ix) driving licence issued in India;
- (x) in respect of a child in need of care and protection or a child in conflict with law, who is housed in a child care institution registered as such with the State Government concerned under the rules made by it under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (2 of 2016), certificate specifying his date of birth issued by the person-in-charge, superintendent, Child Welfare Officer or probation officer of such institution; or
- (xi) in respect of a foreign national,—
 - (I) if he is an Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder, Overseas Citizen of India Card;
 - (II) if he is a Tibetan refugee, registration certificate issued by a Foreigners Regional Registration Office;
 - (III) if he is a national of Nepal or Bhutan, passport of Nepal or Bhutan;
 - (IV) if he is other than a Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder, Tibetan refugee or a national of Nepal or Bhutan, either an Indian visa along with foreign passport or a Long Term Visa to India along with currently valid or expired foreign passport; or
- (xii) in respect of an individual who has a legal guardian, adoption order or other document to evidence legal guardianship, which is issued by a court of law or competent authority under the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 (8 of 1890), the Juvenile Justice (Care and

Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (2 of 2016), the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 (44 of 1999) or the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) and the applicable rules and regulations made under the said Acts; or

(xiii) any other document as the said _____²⁵ may specify.

(4) An officer designated by the said _____²⁶ in this behalf shall check the documents presented or the information evidencing the contents thereof under clause (3) and shall also check—

- (a) the status of the enrolment request by submitting the Enrolment ID on myAadhaar portal (<https://myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in/portal>) to confirm that the Enrolment ID is valid and that the enrolment request does not stand rejected; and
- (b) the other documents, and for this purpose, may take the assistance of and share the information presented with any government entity or an authority that deals with the preparation or maintenance of the information contained in such documents.

2. In order to enable Aadhaar number holder to avail of the said subsidy / benefit / service conveniently, the Ministry shall make all necessary steps to ensure wide publicity through media to make the Aadhaar number holder aware of the requirement of Aadhaar number under the said scheme.

3. Where the authentication of the Aadhaar number of an Aadhaar number holder done through any of the biometric-based modes of authentication (namely, facial image, fingerprints or iris scan based authentication) fails due to any reason, such as poor quality of biometric information, the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted, namely—

- (a) in case any particular biometric-based mode of authentication is not successful, any other mode of biometric-based authentication or one-time pin (OTP) based authentication shall, wherever feasible and admissible, be offered;
- (b) in cases where biometric-based or one-time pin (OTP)-based modes of authentication are not possible, subsidy / benefit / service under the said scheme may, after establishing the genuineness of the Aadhaar number by doing offline verification of the digital signature certificate of Unique Identification Authority of India on the Aadhaar Secure Quick Response (QR) Code or the Aadhaar Paperless Offline e-KYC document, as the case may be, be given on the basis of any of the following—
 - (i) an Aadhaar Secure Quick Response (QR) Code containing Aadhaar card, Aadhaar letter (*i.e.*, the letter issued to an Aadhaar number holder on generation of his Aadhaar number) or e-Aadhaar (*i.e.*, the password-protected electronic copy of Aadhaar letter downloadable from the website of Unique Identification Authority of India or accessible using its mAadhaar app), after its genuineness is established through offline

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verification by scanning the QR code using the Aadhaar QR Scanner or mAadhaar apps.

- (ii) Aadhaar Paperless Offline e-KYC document (downloadable from the website of Unique Identification Authority of India or accessible using its mAadhaar app), after its genuineness is established through offline verification of the digital signature certificate of Unique Identification Authority of India on the document through the application developed by the Ministry or Department or scheme implementing agency concerned for this purpose, in accordance with the details given in this regard on the website of Unique Identification Authority of India.

4. ²⁷Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove—

(a) the subsidy / benefit / service under the said scheme shall not be denied to any child

—
(i) in case of failure to establish his identity by undergoing authentication or to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number; or

(ii) in case of production of an application for enrolment where he has not been assigned an Aadhaar number;

(b) the subsidy / benefit / service under the said scheme shall be given to such a child by verifying his identity and establishing his relationship with his parent or legal guardian in the manner specified in the proviso to sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 1; and

(c) where subsidy / benefit / service is given under clause (b), a record shall be maintained in respect of the same, which shall be reviewed and audited periodically by the _____²⁸.

5. In order to ensure that *bona fide* individuals who are aged eighteen years or more are not deprived of the subsidy / benefit / service due to them under the said scheme, the _____²⁹ shall follow the exception handling mechanism specified in the Office Memorandum no. D-26011/04/2017-DBT, dated the 19th December, 2017 of the Direct Benefit Transfer Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India (available on <https://dbtbharat.gov.in>).

6. This notification shall come into force from the date of its publication in the official Gazette.

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²⁷ Only if Aadhaar number holder is child below 18 years of age

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³⁰ Name of officer

³¹ Designation of officer

Annexure-II

FAQs for publishing of Gazette notification, as per provisions of section 7 of the Aadhaar Act

1. Which scheme can be notified under section 7 of the Aadhaar Act?

The scheme which is delivering any service, benefit or subsidy for which expenditure (in part or full) is being incurred from the Consolidated Fund of Government of India/State.

or

If issuance of any certificate/ document is linked with such schemes mentioned above.

2. Can the scheme be notified under section 7 of the Aadhaar Act by the Ministry/ Department itself?

Yes, Central Ministries or Departments and State/UT Government Departments may publish section 7 gazette notification itself as per UIDAI prescribed format issued via circular no. 8 of 2026 dated 08.09.2026 provided that the published section 7 gazette notification is exactly as per the UIDAI prescribed format.

3. What is the process to notify a scheme under section 7 of the Aadhaar Act?

Central Ministries or Departments may publish the gazette notification as per the extant process of concerned Government, provided that the published section 7 gazette notification is exactly as per the UIDAI prescribed format. UIDAI, at the head office or the regional office, must be consulted only if the notification is proposed to be altered in any manner from the prescribed format.

4. In case of an individual who has applied for Aadhaar and not yet allotted Aadhaar number or does not possess an Aadhaar number, be denied of any subsidy or benefit under section 7 of the Aadhaar Act?

No, in case such an individual who has applied for Aadhaar and not yet allotted Aadhaar number or does not possess an Aadhaar number, till such time an Aadhaar number is assigned to such beneficiary, she/he may establish his identity to avail of the said benefit, by presenting the other documents as required by scheme administering Ministry/ Department.

5. Can any individual be denied entitlements if his/her authentication request is rejected?

UIDAI and the service providers availing Aadhaar authentication recognize the fact that Aadhaar authentication is subject to certain technological and biometric limitations such as poor fingerprint quality, network availability etc. Therefore, the service providers will have alternate processes to identify/ authenticate their beneficiaries/ customers, including exception handling mechanism at their point of presence, so that Aadhaar number holders are not denied entitlements due to technological or biometric limitations.

6. Can the Ministry/ Department select OTP, demo mode of Aadhaar authentication for DBT schemes?

As per DO letters dated 30.01.2026, shared by DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariate, Govt. of India, addressed to secretaries of all Ministries/ Departments of Central Government, use of biometric authentication is recommended owing to real-time liveness check & secure mode of authentication eradicating any possibility of impersonation, ghosting or any fraudulent activity. Biometric modalities include fingerprint, iris and face of which face authentication has been found to be reliable which is user-friendly, secure, can be easily integrated and provides authentication of highest degree of accuracy.

7. Under what circumstances the Ministry/ Department is required to reissue the already notified gazette notification under Section 7 of Aadhaar Act?

The Ministry/ Department may consider reissuing the notification under Section 7 of Aadhaar Act under one or more of the following circumstances:

- (a) When there is a change in name of scheme;
- (b) When there is a change in class of eligible beneficiaries;
- (c) When the Ministry/ Department wants to extend the applicability of the scheme on the earlier exempted States such as Assam or Meghalaya or UT of J&K (which were not included in previous notification);
- (d) In case of any other amendment required in the notification.

8. Can the Ministry/Department notify gazette for issuance of documents/ certificates under Section 7 of Aadhaar Act?

Yes, Central Ministries or Departments and State/UT Government Departments may publish section 7 gazette notification for issuance of various documents/ certificates which are being used in determining eligibility of beneficiaries for delivery of benefits/ subsidies/ services under schemes funded by respective governments, wherever respective administrative Ministries/ Departments feel the need thereof. Such documents/ certificates invariably are provided at nominal cost by respective governments thereby having an embedded subsidy in their delivery.

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Sir/Madam,

Please find attached herewith a D.O. letter dated September 14, 2026 from Secretary (L&E) on the above mentioned subject.

सादर/Regards,

सचिव(श्रम एवं रोजगार) का कार्यालय/Office of Secretary (L&E)

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September 14, 2026

Dear Sir,

In the new Labour ecosystem, the extension of social protection to all workers is intended. In this direction, I would like to highlight one of the existing mechanisms, the ESIC, which extends the social protection to specific category of workers. The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has been providing comprehensive social security to workers in the organised sector since 1952. From its modest beginnings with just 25,000 Insured Persons, ESIC has grown into one of the largest social security organisations in the world, today catering to the social security needs of nearly 4 crore Insured Workers and their families, covering a total of 15 crore beneficiaries.

2. The ESIC delivers the social security benefits to workers through an extensive infrastructure comprising 169 hospitals, 1,609 dispensaries, 19 medical educational institutions, 612 Branch Offices and 117 Dispensary-Cum-Branch offices. The Insured Workers and their families are entitled to a comprehensive basket of social security benefits which are as under:

- **Medical Benefit** – Complete medical care for the Insured Person and family from day one of insurable employment without any ceiling limit on expenditure.
- **Sickness Benefit** – Cash compensation during certified sickness period.
- **Maternity Benefit** – Average daily wage paid for up to 26 weeks during pregnancy, miscarriage, or pregnancy-related sickness.
- **Disablement Benefit** – Cash benefit in the form of a monthly pension for incapacity to work arising out of an employment injury, payable for as long as the disablement lasts, or for the lifetime of the beneficiary.
- **Dependants' Benefit** – Lifetime monthly pension to the dependents of an Insured Person who dies due to employment injury or occupational disease.
- **Reservation of seats** for the children of the Insured Workers in medical colleges run by ESIC.

3. In the recently notified Code on Social security 2020, Chapter IV details various facets of the ESIC and its functions. As per Sec 1[7] of the Code on Social Security, 2020 read with its First Schedule, ESI coverage has been made mandatory for all the establishments in which 10 or more workers are employed [other than seasonal factories]. Contributions from all the workers below the prescribed wage limits [₹21,000/- p.m. and ₹25,000/- p.m. for persons with disability] in such establishments needs to be timely deposited for access to all the social security benefits available under the ESI Scheme.

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4. I am writing to request your kind support in ensuring the ESI coverage for third-party, housekeeping, security, and other contractual employees engaged in your Ministry/Department and the attached/subordinate offices. Many such eligible employees continue to remain outside the ambit of the Scheme due to the lack of awareness at the level of the engaging establishment. Identifying such employees and ensuring their coverage under the ESI Scheme and putting in place a mechanism to regularly monitor and ensure timely deposition of the contributions [i.e 4.00% of wages payable, consisting of a 3.25% employer share and a 0.75% employee share] would enable all eligible employees, along with their families to avail the social security benefits.

5. In this regard, it is also requested that the enclosed awareness kit be circulated among all concerned stakeholders of your Ministry/Department/Organization to address this gap. The IEC materials for creating awareness may be downloaded from the link given below:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1g0sU1Crd5CsyflmT9R4j2UTTUAhV2GcR?usp=sharing>

6. I would be grateful for your Ministry's/Department's cooperation in extending this vital social security cover to all eligible workers engaged in your establishments and in creating awareness of such social security benefits — thereby strengthening India's workforce with dignity and furthering our collective progress towards the Viksit Bharat.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Chandra Bhushan Kumar)

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