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Government of Tripura
Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department

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NOTIFICATION

In Compliance with the provisions of NFS Act, 2013 and subsequent guidelines of the Ministry of CA, Food & PD, Govt. of India, the Department of Food CS&CA, Govt of Tripura has introduced Aadhaar authenticated on-line sales of PDS commodities at F.P. Shop level w.e.f. May, 2018. Under the system, consumers are required to undergo biometric (finger print etc.) authentication through the ePOS machines installed at every F.P. Shop and sales process initiates once the biometric of the concerned consumer matches with the Aadhaar CIDR.

2. As per reports / feedback received from different Sub-Divisions over the months, it has been observed that some of the consumers are facing difficulties during lifting of ration through Aadhaar authentication, due to following issues:

- a) Failure of authentication in case of old-aged persons / hardworking labourers.
- b) Non-availability of physically able person in the family to draw ration.

3. In above cases, presently manual distribution of ration commodities is going on by recording consumer details in the Sales register maintained by the F.P. Shop Dealers. However, this process of manual distribution frustrates the very objective of Aadhaar authenticated distribution and bringing total transparency in PDS as per mandate.

4. In order to get rid of the said constraints, the Department has introduced an exception handling mechanism by providing ration card nominee facility, which allow the beneficiaries to draw ration, who are not able to lift their entitled commodities physically, by nominating one person who may lift the commodity on behalf of the such consumers.

5. The guidelines for the card nominee additions are as follows:

- a) Nominee Addition is allowed for Single member Ration Cards where the beneficiary is a Senior Citizen (above 60 years) / Minor (Below 15 Years) / Bedridden / physically handicapped / Blind.
- b) Nominee may be added for Ration Cards having not above 4 members and the Head of the Family & all other members are Senior Citizen (above 60 years) / Minor (Below 15 Years) / Bedridden / physically handicapped / Blind.
- c) In case of failure in biometric authentication for head of the Family & other Members, Nominee may be added.

- d) Nominee addition is not allowed for the Ration Cards where Aadhaar Number is not seeded in the Ration Card database.
 - e) Nominee should not be a F.P. Shop dealer and / or his/her family members.
 - f) Any Nominee cannot be tagged for more than two Ration Cards (Including his/her own RC)
 - g) Area Food Inspector of the concerned Jurisdiction may be considered as a nominee whose details should be provided in "admin" login of AePDS portal. In this case, nominee can be added for more than two Ration Cards, if so required.
 - h) Nominated person must be a beneficiary of the same Fair Price Shop. Nominee addition / deletion shall be done from the AePDS Log-In of respective Sub-Divisions.
 - i) In some extraordinary circumstances, Nominee may be added through Administrative Log-In of AePDS portal on prior approval of the Departmental Authority.
6. This is issued for information, guidance and compliance by all concerned.


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Government of Tripura.

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