

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION
Dated Shillong, the 10th March, 2021**

NO.SW(S)129/2016/Pt.I/131- 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 the 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 Social Welfare Department is administering the Chief Minister's Social Assistance Scheme which is being implemented through the office of the Child Development Project Officers;

And whereas under the Scheme, an amount of Rs.500/- per month is given to single mothers, infirms and persons with disabilities as per the extant Scheme Guidelines;

And whereas the Chief Minister's Social Assistance Scheme involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of the State of Meghalaya;

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), the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the following:

1. (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.

(2) 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/she is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per Section 3 of the said Act, and such individuals shall visit any Aadhaar enrolment centre to get enrolled for Aadhaar.

(3)As per Regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Child Development Project Officers are required to offer Aadhaar Enrolment facility for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case there is no Aadhaar enrolment centre located in the respective Block, the Child Development Project Officers shall take necessary action to provide the facility in convenient locations in coordination with the District Administration.

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 documents like Aadhaar Enrolment Identification Slip (In case the individual has enrolled for Aadhaar) or Bank Passbook/Post Office Passbook, Pan Card, Passport, Ration Card, Voter I/D, Driving License/Identity Card/Residential Certificate issued by the Rangbah Shnong/Nokma(in case of persons who have not enrolled for Aadhaar)

2. The Child Development Project Officer shall make necessary arrangements for wide publicity to the beneficiaries to make them aware of the said requirement. This can be done in close coordination with the Rangbah Shnong/Gaon Bura/Sordar/Nokma as the case may be, for making public announcement in their respective villages/locality.

3. In all cases, where Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries or due to any other reason, the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted:

(a) In case of poor fingerprint quality, iris scan or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication.

(b) In case the biometric authentication through iris scan or face authentication is not successful, wherever feasible and admissible authentication by Aadhaar One Time Password or Time-based One-time Password with limited time validity as the case may be, shall be offered.

(c) In all other cases where biometric or Aadhaar One Time Password or Time Based One-time password authentication is not possible, benefits under the Scheme may be given on the basis of physical Aadhaar letter whose authenticity can be verified through the QR code printed on the Aadhaar letter.

4. Effort should be made to ensure that no bona fide beneficiary is deprived of his/her benefits under the Scheme:

This Notification shall come into effect from the date of publication in the Meghalaya Gazette.

Sd/-

Sampath Kumar

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
Social Welfare Department

Memo.No.SW(S)129/2016/Pt.I/131-A,

Dated Shllong, the 10th March, 2021.

Copy to:-

1. The Private Secretary to the Chief Minister for kind information of the Chief Minister.
2. The Private Secretary to the Minister In-charge, Social Welfare for kind information of the Minister.
3. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
4. The Director of Social Welfare, Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
5. The SIO, NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of information and loading the Government Notification in the Government website.
6. The Director of Printing & Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong with a request to publish the Government Notification in the next issue of the Meghalaya Gazette.
7. General Administration Department(B) for information. This has a reference to letter No.GAB-156/2016/283, dt. 4.2.2021.
8. All Child Development Project Officers for information and necessary action.
9. Guard file.

By order etc.,

Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
Social Welfare Department