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GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR SECRETARIAT: HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 5th July, 2022

No. UHE-103/5/2022-HTE-DHTE: Whereas, the use of Aadhaar as an identity document for delivery of service 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 provide one's identity.

And whereas, the Higher & Technical Education Department is administering the State Merit Scholarship (hereinafter referred to as the Scheme) to 250 meritorious students of Manipur belonging to economically weaker sections undergoing General Degree & Post Graduate Courses in Arts, Science & Commerce stream securing minimum 60% in qualifying exams which being implemented through the Directorate of University & Higher Education, Manipur (hereinafter referred to as the Implementing Agency).

And whereas under the Scheme, a scholarship amount of Rs.500/- and Rs.750/- p.m. for Fresh General Degree and P.G. courses for a duration of 10(ten) months (for the year concerned) and Rs. 6000/- to Renewal Degree and Rs. 9000/- to Renewal P.G students per annum for the following years during the course respectively through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the beneficiary students is being given by the Implementing Agency as per the extent Scheme guidelines.

And whereas, the aforesaid Scheme involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Funds 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 Government of Manipur hereby notifies 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.
- 2. Any individual availing benefit 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 the relevant section of the said Act, and such individual shall visit any Aadhaar enrolment center (list available at their Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website www.uidai.gov.in) to get enrolled for Aadhaar.
- 3. As per regulation 21 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Department through its Implementing Agency, is required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case there is no Aadhaar centre located in the respective Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall provide Aadhar enrollment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or becoming a UIDAI Registrar themselves:

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, namely:-

- a). if he has enrolled, his Aadhaar Enrolment Identification slip and
- b). 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. Ration Card or
- v. Voter Identity Card or
- vi. MGNREGA card or
- vii. Kisan Photo Passbook or
- viii. Driving license issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Acts, 1988 (59 of 1988) or
- ix. Certificate of identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tehsildar on an official letter head or,
- x. Any other documents as specified by the Department.

Provided further that the above documents may be checked by an officer specifically designated by the Department for the purpose.

- 2. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Scheme conveniently, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall make all the required arrangement to ensure that wide publicity through the media shall be given to the beneficiaries to make them aware of the said requirement.
- 3. In all case, where Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries or due to any other reason the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted namely,-
- (a). in case of poor fingerprint quality iris or face authentication facility shall be adopted for authentication thereby the Department through its Implementing Agency shall make provision for iris scanners or face authentication along with finger-print authentication for delivery of benefits in seamless manner.
- (b). in case the biometric authentication through fingerprints or iris scan 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 biometrics or Aadhaar One Time Password or Time-based One Time Password authentication is not possible benefit under the Scheme may be given on the basis of Physical Aadhaar letter whose authenticity can be verified through the Quick Response (QR) code printed on the Aadhaar letter and the necessary arrangement of QR code reader shall be provided at the convenient locations by the Department through its Implementing Agency.
- 4. In addition to the above, in order to ensure that the no bona-fide beneficiary under the Scheme is deprived of his due benefits, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall follow the exception handling mechanism as outlined in the Office Memorandum of DBT Mission Cabinet Secretariat Government of India dated 19th December, 2017.
- 5. This notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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