NOTIFICATION Government of Gujarat, Science and Technology Department Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar. Dated the 2nd November, 2022.

Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits And Services) Act, 2016. No. GST/2/EGV/e-file/24/2022/0018/IT: WHEREAS in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 53 read with clause (aa) of sub-section (2) of Section 53 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016), the Central Government, in consultation with Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and as per the Rule 5 of Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social, Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rule, 2020; published in the official Gazette of India on 5.08.2020 by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the Department of Science and Technology is administering the Digital Gujarat Portal to make a single online platform to avail all e-Services of the Government of Gujarat and enhancing transparency in administration to ensure Good Governance which is being implemented through National Informatics Centre, Gujarat and the District Administration.

AND WHEREAS, the Digital Gujarat Portal was launched to make government services accessible over the internet and provide citizens with a single window access point to avail of all e-Services of the Government of Gujarat. Citizen Centric Services (G2C) like Income Certificate, Senior Citizen Certificate, Domicile Certificate, Widow Certificate, Caste Certificate, Ration Card and other services are available on this portal. Various DBT schemes like Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarship schemes are also available on this portal.

NOW, THEREFORE in exercise of powers conferred by Sub-Clause (ii) of Clause (b) of Sub-section (4) of Section 4 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016), and Aadhaar and other Laws amended 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Government of Gujarat hereby notifies the following as per the authorization given by Government of India vide Office Memorandum File No. 13(4)/2020-EG-II (Vol-I) dated: 12/07/2022 on receipt of the proposal under Rules 4 as per the Aadhaar (Authentication) Regulation, 2016, Aadhaar (Data Security Regulation, 2016, Aadhaar (Sharing of Information) Regulation, 2016, and Other circulars and notifications issued by UIDAI from time to time:

- 1. eForms (for eKYC of the user, to verify users),
- Aadhaar Authentication in e-forms to get demographic information, is on voluntary basis and user organisations shall provide alternate means of verification.
- 3. Aadhaar shall be used as a Proof of Identity and Proof of Address, once

Aadhaar is authenticated, no further documents related to Identity and address may be asked from the applicant.

- 4. The provisions related to exception handling shall be implemented strictly in accordance with Aadhaar Act, 2016, and its associated regulations.
- 5. The applicant shall be informed of alternate mechanisms of identity verification as the instant usage of Aadhaar authentication is permitted purely on a voluntary basis.
- 6. There shall not be denial of any either services or benefit or both to applicant on account of the failure of Aadhaar based authentication.
- 7. There shall not be a display of Aadhaar number anywhere in the system and wherever required only the last four digits of the Aadhaar number may be displayed.

Department of Science and Technology shall comply with provisions of the Aadhaar Act 2016, Aadhaar Regulation 2016 and the Aadhaar (Authentication and Offline Verification) Regulations, 2021.

By order and in the name of Governor of Gujarat,

(N.H.Gadhavi)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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- Principal Secretary to H.E. the Governor of Gujarat, Gandhinagar.
- Additional Chief Secretary to Hon. Chief Minister, Gujarat.
- ➤ Personal Secretary to all Ministers/Minister of State/Parliamentary Secretaries, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- Chief Secretary, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- ➤ Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary of all Secretariat Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- ▶ Director, Directorate of ICT & eGovernance, Block No.2, 2nd Floor, D-wing, Karmayogi Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
- ➤ Managing Director, Gujarat Informatics Limited, Block No.2, 2nd Floor, D-wing, Karmayogi Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
- Accountant General, Ahmedabad/Raikot.
- All District Collector and District Magistrates.
- ➤ Commissioner of Information, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar (with a request to issue a suitable press note).
- Manager, Government Central Press, Gandhinagar with a request to publish this notification in Gujarat Government Gazette and to send 50 copies of the print to this Department and 100 copies to the Director, Directorate of ICT & eGovernance, Block No.2, 2nd Floor, D-wing, Karmayogi Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
- Section Officer, Establishment Branch, Department of Science and Technology (with a request to upload on department's website).
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