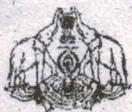


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### CIRCULAR

Sub: E & ITD- Applicability of Aadhaar as an identity document for NRIs/PIOs and OCIs-reg:

Ref: Circular No.6-1/2016-UIDAI (DBT) dated 15/11/2017

As per the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (Aadhaar Act, 2016), only 'Resident' shall be entitled to obtain Aadhar number and hence most of the Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Overseas Citizen of India (OCIs) are not entitled to obtain Aadhaar or not eligible for Aadhaar enrolment. Regardless of the fact, many Departments/authorities/implementing agencies are insisting the NRIs / PIOs / OCIs to submit or link their Aadhaar for availing subsidies / benefits / services etc, which is creating difficulties among them.

In this connection, all Departments/authorities/implementing agencies in the State shall keep in consideration the following while seeking Aadhaar as a proof of identity:

- a) Most of NRIs / PIOs / OCIs may not be eligible for Aadhaar enrolment as per the Aadhaar Act, 2016 ; and
- b) Aadhaar as an identity document may be sought only from those who are eligible for it as per the provisions of Aadhaar Act, 2016.

The authorities or implementing agencies may devise a mechanism to ascertain the genuineness of the status of such NRIs/PIOs/OCIs and to seek alternate and viable means of identification as per section 7 of Aadhar Act, 2016, for delivery of subsidy, benefits or services.

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