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F.No.16-8/2012 (CU)

February, 2016

**The Registrar
Visva Bharati
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Subject: - Guidance on usage of 'Aadhaar' as per the interim orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 11.08.2015 and 15.10.2015 in w.p. 494 of 2012 and other related matters - reg.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of the letter F.No.20-36/2015-Desk U dated 28th January, 2016 received from Shri P. Bhaktavatsalam, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Central University Division, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001 alongwith a copy of OM No. 10-27/2015-AR dated 9th December 2015 attached therewith a copy of the letter No. 10(36)/2015_EG-II(Part-IV) dated 01.12.2015 of Department of Electronics & Information Technology, Electronics Niketan, on the above mentioned subject with a request to adhere to the Guidance on the interim orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 11.08.2015 and 15.10.2015 in W.P. 494 of 2012 and other related matter (copy enclosed).

This may be noted for future reference with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,

Sushma Rathore

**(Sushma Rathore)
Under Secretary**

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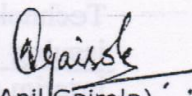
F.No.10-27/2015-AR
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
(Economic Administration Division)

Room No.1, "C" Wing, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi, Dated: December 9, 2015

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub:- Guidance on the interim orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 11.08.2015 and 15.10.2015 in W.P. 494 of 2012 and other related matters - reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of Office Memorandum No.10(36)/2015-EG-II(Part-IV) dated 01.12.2015 Department of Electronics & Information Technology for necessary compliance of the Guidance on the interim orders of Hon'ble Court in respect of their respective Bureaus as well as Autonomous Bodies/Institutions/attached offices under their administrative control.


(Anil Gairola)
Under Secretary (AR)

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Government of India
Department of Electronics & Information Technology
(E-Governance Division)

Electronics Niketan
6, CGO Complex
New Delhi-110003
Dated: 01 Dec 2015

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Guidance on the interim orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 11-08-2015 and 15.10.2015 in W.P. 494 of 2012 and other related matters.

I am directed to refer to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 11/08/2015 and 15/10/2015 in W.P. 494 of 2012. UIDAI had sought the advice and opinion of the Attorney General (AG) on the usage of Aadhaar by Central/State Governments. The advice/ clarification received from Attorney General is as under:-

Query
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Whether in light of the above interim orders, a resident can use his own Aadhaar voluntarily for the purpose for the purpose of his identification and authentication and if so, whether the authorities can accept the said Aadhaar as the resident's proof of

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identity. For example, if a person uses his Aadhaar card as proof of identity in an airport or to authenticate his identity as part of a government application, can the airport authorities/relevant government authorities accept Aadhaar as the person's proof of identity or ask him to produce some other ID.

Response of AG

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Yes, Voluntary use for purposes of identification by an Aadhar cardholder, say at the airport, is valid and it not necessary to ask for production of some other ID.

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b) Whether, in light of the fact that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has allowed use of Aadhaar in the Prime Minister's Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY) Scheme, an umbrella scheme, which prescribes for channelling all Government benefits through beneficiaries' Jan Dhan Accounts, can the Government implement Direct Benefit Transfer schemes of Government of India if they are channelled through PMJDY accounts.

Response of AG

Channelizing Govt. benefits i.e. DBT Schemes through PMJDY would be in line with the order of the Supreme Court dt. 15.10.2015.

Query

c) For implementation of the welfare programmes, various government agencies and departments have requested UIDAI for biometric information of the individuals who had given their consent for sharing their data at the time of Aadhaar enrolment or subsequently. In light of the interim orders stated above, whether biometrics of such individuals can be shared with the requesting entities.

Response of AG

No. Sharing of biometric data is prohibited.

Query

d) Various government agencies/departments have requested for access to the Aadhaar database to locate the details of the person whose Aadhaar number is not known by matching the demographic details. In light of the above-mentioned interim orders, whether enabling access to the Aadhaar database, in such cases, would be permissible.

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Response of AG

No. There is a complete prohibition.

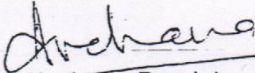
Query

e) Whether, Government departments and agencies can continue seeding Aadhaar on voluntary basis into their beneficiary database.

Response of AG

Yes, please refer to answer (a).

This issues with the approval of Secretary Deity.


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Secretaries of all GOI Ministries/Departments
Chief Secretaries of all States