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Ministry of Women & Child Development



19th June, 2025

D.O. No.PA/147/2020-CPMU-Part(1)

As you are aware, under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, supplementary nutrition is provided in the form of Hot Cooked Meals (HCM) to 3-6 years old children and Take Home Ration (THR) to pregnant women, lactating mothers, 6 months to 3 years old children and adolescent girls (in North east region and Aspirational districts only). Please refer to my DO letter No. PA/147/2020-CPMU-Part (1) dated 12th November, 2024 (**copy enclosed**), wherein it was informed that this Ministry has developed Facial Recognition System (FRS-which includes photo capturing & e-KYC) in the Poshan Tracker (PT) Application. It was rolled out on optional basis last year primarily to track the actual delivery of THR.

2. Now, the Central Government has decided that FRS shall be mandatory for distribution of THR with effect from 01.07.2025 to ensure actual delivery of THR to the intended beneficiaries. FRS facility has now been made available in the profile of the existing beneficiaries and also in the self-registration module of beneficiary in the PT Application. Moreover, from 01.08.2025 onwards, FRS will also become mandatory at the time of registration of any Anganwadi beneficiary on the PT Application.

3. I would also like to further inform you that w.e.f. 21.05.2025, Aadhaar-based biometric authentication has been mandatory under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY). For this purpose, the PMMVY portal will leverage the FRS functionality of the PT Application and the data of biometrically authenticated beneficiaries registered under PT will be used for the PMMVY application process, as there is a large overlap in the beneficiaries of Anganwadi Services and PMMVY. Additionally, a number of security measures have also been introduced in recent weeks to strengthen the PMMVY portal, such as mandatory password changes, auto log-out from the portal after 20 minutes of idle time, de-activation of PMMVY application and approval process between 9 PM to 8 AM etc.

4. During a recent review, it was observed that the enrolment numbers under the PMMVY scheme have reduced significantly since the introduction of biometric authentication using FRS. Also, a large number of beneficiaries are not able to complete the registration process, as their FRS has not yet been completed on the PT Application. Another probable reason for low enrolment numbers is that many field functionaries have not yet changed their login password on the PMMVY portal, due to which they are unable to login and register the new beneficiaries.

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5. I would, therefore, request you to kindly issue appropriate directions to the officers concerned to complete the FRS of the beneficiaries on PT in a mission mode. If required, camps for updation of Aadhaar details may be organized in coordination with the local UIDAI offices to enable the beneficiaries to update their photo and mobile number in the Aadhaar System for successful e-KYC validation under the PT. Similarly, appropriate directions for PMMVY may also be issued to ensure that Block Level Officers/CDPOs sensitise the field functionaries appropriately about FRS authentication and the new security measures including mandatory change of password, so that enrolments under the PMMVY are not adversely affected.

With regards,

Encl: As above.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Secretary of States
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2. Ministry has now developed a two-factor authentication system using face verification and OTP in the Poshan Tracker to ensure last mile actual delivery of Take Home Ration (THR) to the beneficiaries. Currently Pilot implementation is underway in 10 States/UTs and rollout is scheduled across the country by December, 2024 and January, 2025 (rollout plan is **enclosed**).

- a. This involves capturing of photos of the beneficiaries during registration process, their authentication/eKYC from Aadhaar database which is then followed by matching of the photo captured during THR distribution.
- b. Beneficiaries will receive a unique OTP on their registered mobile numbers at the time of THR distribution which is to be provided to the Anganwadi worker to complete the THR delivery process.

3. This two factor authentication system in the Poshan Tracker App will empower the beneficiaries of Anganawadi Services and instill a sense of ownership among the community, especially women. It will also mitigate the risks of diversion of rations.

4. I request you to kindly support effective implementation of this authentication system to ensure transparency in the last mile delivery of rations. I also request you to kindly pass appropriate instructions to the authorities concerned.

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