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Ministry of Electronics & IT

UIDAI unveils Aadhaar-based authentication framework for Cooperative Banks to benefit across India

Over 380 Cooperative Banks to leverage Aadhaar services under new UIDAI framework and will ensure financial inclusion

New Framework Formulated after Extensive Consultations with Ministry of Cooperation, NABARD and other stakeholders

To mark the International Year of Cooperatives, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has rolled out a new framework to onboard Cooperative Banks and enable them to deliver Aadhaar-based authentication services, giving a strong push to last-mile banking and digital inclusion.

The framework has been developed in close consultation with the Ministry of Cooperation, NABARD, NPCI and cooperative banks. It will cover all 34 State Cooperative Banks (SCBs) and 352 District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) across the country.

Under the new system, the process of adopting Aadhaar services has been made simpler and cost-effective. Only the State Cooperative Banks will be registered with UIDAI as Authentication User Agencies (AUA) and eKYC User Agencies (KUA). The DCCBs can seamlessly use the Aadhaar authentication application and IT infrastructure of their respective SCBs. This eliminates the need for DCCBs to develop or maintain separate IT systems, saving costs and ensuring smoother operations. Through this framework, cooperative banks will be able to leverage Aadhaar-enabled services to provide faster, more secure, and hassle-free customer onboarding. Services such as biometric eKYC and face authentication will make account opening easier, especially in rural and semi-urban regions. Customers will also benefit as subsidies and welfare payments can be directly credited into their cooperative bank accounts using Aadhaar. Additionally, the framework empowers cooperative banks to extend services like the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) and the Aadhaar Payment Bridge, further strengthening digital transactions and advancing financial inclusion in the cooperative sector.

This step marks a significant milestone in expanding Aadhaar's reach and impact, ensuring that cooperative banks continue to play a vital role in India's financial ecosystem.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND ENIPLOYMENT
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the l9th August, 2025

S.O. 3792(E). - WHEREAS the use of Aadhaar number to establish identity enables individuals to receive subsidies, benefits and services in a convenient and seamless manner. obviates the need for multiplicity of documents to establish identity, simplifies processes and promotes transparency and efficiency:

AND WHEREAS, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, after consultation with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), had allowed vide its letter no. 13(16)/2022.E.G - 11, dated 15.12.2022 to the Ministry of Labour and Employment (hereinafter referred to as the said Ministry), Government of India for the purposes prescribed under sub-rule (I) of role 3 of the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020 (hereinafter refened to as the said rules) that the Employees' State Insurance Corporation is allowed to perform authentication and be permitted the use of Adhaar number during authentication for establishing identity of Aadhaar number holder and notify the same under rule 5 of the said rules read with 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 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act):

AND WHEREAS, the Aadhaar authentication shall be performed for usage of digital platforms to ensure good governance and prevention of dissipation of social welfare benefits (hereinafter referred to as the said purpose) as prescribed under sub-rule (I) of rule 3 of the said rules and the performance of Aadhaar authentication for the said purpose shall be on voluntary basis and that Employees State Insurance Corporation shall perform the Aadhaar authentication only for delivery of social security benefits to bona-fide beneficiaries as well as to ensure good governance and effective administration of scheme mechanism [hereinafter referred to as the use cases).

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of rule 5 of the said rules read with sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of sub section (4) of section 4 of the said Act and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Labour and Employment vide Number S.O. 230(E), dated the 13th January, 2023, published in the Gazette of India Part Section 3, Sub-Section (ii), dated the 13th January, 2023, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Ministry of Labour and Employment hereby notifies the following, namely: -

I. (I) The Employees' State Insurance Corporation, as provided in the said Act, shall obtain the consent of the Aadhaar number holder for the purpose of authentication herein.

(2) As per sub-rule(2) of rule 3 of the said rules, Aadhaar authentification shall be on voluntary basis. The Employee' State Insurance Corporation shall inform to the Aadhaar number holder of alternate and viable means of identification and shall not deny any service to the Aadhaar number holder for refusing to, or being unable to, undergo Aadhaar authentication, namely:-

a) Passport :

b) PAN card; and

c) Driving Licence

2. This notification shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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Dr. Mahendra Kumar, Jt. Secy

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Ministry of Heavy Industries

The Ministry of Heavy Industries extends the tenure of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme by 2 years from 31 March 2026 to 31 March 2028

Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy, Hon'ble Minister of Heavy Industries informed that the duration of the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme has been extended from two years to four years. Originally notified on 29 September 2024 with an outlay of ₹10,900 crore for a two-year period, the scheme will now be implemented until 31 March 2028 within the same outlay. However, the terminal date for registered e-2W, registered e-rickshaws & e-carts, and registered e-3W (L5) remains 31 March 2026.

The Minister stated that the under the visionary leadership of our Prime Minster Shri Narendra Modi, the country is taking rapid strides towards acceleration of e mobility in India. The PM E-DRIVE scheme enables Make in India through its Phased Manufacturing programme.

The PM E-DRIVE Scheme aims to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs), establish robust charging infrastructure, and strengthen the EV manufacturing ecosystem in the country. This extension until 31 March 2028 is required for e-trucks, e-buses, and testing agencies due to their specific challenges. The etrucks market is still in a nascent phase. In view of this, full scale commercial production is likely to take some more time. Likewise, e-buses, supported by a ₹4,391 crore allocation for deploying 14,028 units, require a post-selection process starting March 2026, with grant disbursements tied to milestones over 18 months, underscoring the need for additional time. Furthermore, the procurement of testing agency equipment will require more time for tendering, evaluation, procurement, and commissioning to maintain quality and safety standards across these segments.

This is a fund-limited scheme. The total payout is restricted to the sanctioned outlay of ₹10,900 crore. If funds for the scheme or its sub-components are exhausted before the terminal date of 31 March 2028, the scheme or its relevant sub-components will be closed, and no further claims will be entertained.

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