

Most Immediate
Supreme Court Order

No. J-11060/20/2015-RE-III
Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Rural Development

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
Dated: 21st August, 2015.

To

The Special Chief Secretary/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of State
Department of Rural Development/Panchayati Raj(in-charge of MGNREGS) of all
States/UTs

Subject: Implementation of the Order dated 11th August, 2015 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 494 of 2012 (Justice K.S. Puttaswamy(Retd.) & another V/s Union of India & Others) and connected cases relating to the Aadhaar Card Scheme of Government of India

Sir/Madam,

I am to state that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide its interim Order dated 11th August, 2015 in the matter noted above has passed, *inter-alia*, the following directions:-

"Having considered the matter, we are of the view that the balance of interest would be best served, till the matter is finally decided by a larger Bench if the Union of India or the UIDA proceed in the following manner:-

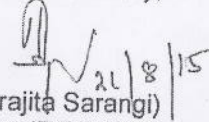
- 1. The Union of India shall give wide publicity in the electronic and print media including radio and television networks that it is not mandatory for a citizen to obtain an Aadhaar card;***
- 2. The production of an Aadhaar card will not be condition for obtaining any benefits otherwise due to a citizen;***
- 3. The Unique Identification Number or the Aadhaar card will not be used by the respondents for any purpose other than the PDS Scheme and in particular for the purpose of distribution of foodgrains, etc. and cooking fuel, such as kerosene. The Aadhaar Card may also be used for the purpose of the LPG Distribution Scheme;***
- 4. The information about an individual obtained by the Unique Identification Authority of India while issuing an Aadhaar card shall not be used for any other purpose, save as above, except as may be directed by a Court for the purpose of criminal investigation.***

Ordered accordingly."

2. The above directions be fully complied with immediately. All earlier instructions stand superceded in the light of Hon'ble Supreme Court's interim order above.

3. It may please be ensured that appropriate instructions in this regard are issued by the State/UT Government at the earliest to all the field functionaries for strict compliance of Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. These instructions should be displayed on the websites and notice boards in the field offices. A copy thereof may kindly be sent to the Ministry

Yours faithfully,



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