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HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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From

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To

All the Collectors & District Magistrate

The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation

Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Sambalpur and Rourkela

All the CDM&PHOs

Sub: Digital authentication through Aadhar based verification as preferred mode for vaccination of eligible Citizen in CoWIN - Reg.

Ref: D.O. No. 1920764/2020/Imm Dated 16th April 2021 of the Govt. of India, Ministry of health & FW

Madam/Sir,

With reference to the subject & reference cited above, I am to say that digital authentication of beneficiaries through Aadhar should be preferred mode for verification of eligibility of citizens for Covid-19 vaccination. As per the data shared by MoHFW, beneficiaries are being registered and vaccinated with the use of various ID cards like Aadhar, Voter ID, Pan card, driving License etc. it is evident that using Aadhar for verification & authentication is highest in State like Andaman & Nicobar (88%), Bihar (54%), Meghalay (53%) , where as in Odisha, it is only 5.8%.

The CoWIN system provides easy to use features for verification of beneficiaries based on various permitted ID cards that may be used by citizens for registration and vaccination, including all the possible models of digital authentication like biometric, eKYC (OTP based), and demographic authentication. The MoHFW is going to supply additional biometric devices for augmenting the digital authentication capacities at CVCs.

Some instances have been noticed by MoHFW that citizens aged less than 45 years are getting vaccinated, while falsely recording of age as 45 years and above in the CoWIN by using Aadhar. Such instances are clear violation of the

guidelines of the vaccination and are possible only when the verifier/vaccinator is careless or is colluding with the in-eligible person while providing vaccination.

Such instances can be avoided at the verification stage, if digital authentication is done for verification of beneficiaries in case of Aadhar, or through diligent verification of age of the beneficiaries from the age recorded in the ID cards used for vaccination.

Therefore, it is requested that the facility in-charge, site manager, vaccinator and verifier must again properly sensitized on the importance of observing due diligence in verification of beneficiaries and sufficiently trained for use of digital authentication feature in the CoWIN vaccinator module. These staffs may also be sensitized that they would be personally held accountable in instances where ineligible beneficiaries are found to have been vaccinated. Any such instances may be viewed seriously and strict and exemplary action may be taken against person concerned.

Enclosure : MoHFW letter dt. 16.04.21.

Yours faithfully,

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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Deputy Secretary to Government

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