

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON AADHAAR**

Following Government of India's decisions to link Aadhaar number with various public services / bank accounts, representations were being received from overseas Indians for either providing them with Aadhaar enrolment abroad or exempting them from mandatory linkage with public services in India. The matter was taken up with the Ministry of Finance, Department of Telecom and UIDAI for appropriate action.

2. Now UIDAI has issued a Circular dated 15.11.2017 to all Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India and all State Governments/UT Administrations advising them to keep in consideration the following while seeking Aadhaar as a proof of Identity:-

- a) Aadhaar as an identity document may be sought only from those who are eligible for it as per the Aadhaar Act, 2016; and
- b) Most of NRIs/PIOs/OCIs may not be eligible for Aadhaar enrolment as per Aadhaar Act, 2016.

3. UIDAI has also drawn attention of the concerned Govt. entities/implementing agencies to Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act which, inter-alia, provides that "if an Aadhaar number is not assigned to an individual, the individual shall be offered alternate and viable means of identification for delivery of subsidy, benefits or service".

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