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To,
Secretary,
Dept. of Health,
Govt. of Puducherry

Sir/Mam,

Sub: To issue clarification regarding all acceptable ID proofs to receive covid vaccine

For the past few days, as part of awareness campaign for Covid19 vaccination drive to be held from 11/04/2021 – 14/04/2021, the awareness posters circulated widely across various media are listing Aadhar Card as the only eligible Photo ID to avail Covid19 vaccine.

It is hereby brought to your kind notice that as per the directions laid out the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the list of ID proofs required for Covid19 vaccine includes all National Photo IDs including Aadhaar Card, Driving License, Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) Job Card, Official identity cards issued to Mps/MLAs/MLCs, PAN Card, Passbooks issued by Bank/Post Office, Passport, Pension Document, Service Identity Card issued to employees by Central/ State Govt./ Public Limited Companies and Voter ID.

We strongly condemn the awareness posters released by your department mandating Aadhar as the only acceptable identity proof to receive Covid19 vaccine.

As per Supreme Court direction, Aadhar Card can be the mandatory Photo ID only for Govt. subsidies and Income Tax filings. The awareness posters issued by your department are in direct violation of this direction.

A suspicion has risen among the general public that your department intends to administer Covid19 vaccine only to those who have Aadhar Card. If that is indeed the intention of your awareness campaign, then it is contempt of the Supreme Court of India.

We request you to immediately clarify the full list of acceptable Photo IDs for the vaccination drive through all available media in order to reach all people at risk of Covid19, thus making a leap in the fight against Covid19 pandemic.

Thank you,

Kamalavelan

Secretary