

F. No. 1/127/2014-FI (C- 71719)
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services

3rd Floor, Jeevandeep Building,
Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001,
Dated: August 25, 2015

To

Chief Executive
Indian Bank's Association,
Mumbai.

Subject: Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana- Scheme for Overdraft (OD) upto Rs.5000/- under PMJDY- Non-mandatory of Aadhaar Seeding- reg.

Sir,

Please refer to IBA's letter No. PS&BT/RBI/1185 dated 13.01.2015 on the subject mentioned above enclosing modalities of Overdraft (O/D) up to Rs.5000/- in PMJDY accounts under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY).

2. The eligibility for grant of OD under the above PMJDY Scheme, inter-alia, stipulates that “ **Accounts should be seeded with Aadhaar for avoiding duplicate benefit**”.

3. In this context, please refer to an **interim order dated 11.8.2015 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India** in the 'Aadhaar' matter i.e. Justice (retd.) K.S. Puttuswamy v. UOI & Ors., WP(C) No. 494/2012 and related petitions, wherein following directions have , inter-alia, been passed:-

(i) The production of an Aadhaar card will not be condition for obtaining and benefits due to a citizen;


(ii) The Unique Identification Number of 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 food grains, etc. and cooking fuel, such as kerosene. The Aadhaar card may also be used for the purpose of the LPG Distribution Scheme.

4. In view of the above, linking of Aadhaar number in the bank accounts should not be made mandatory or insisted upon for grant of overdraft upto Rs.5000/- in PMJDY accounts. Banks should, however, exercise due diligence for grant of overdraft under PMJDY. The eligibility conditions for grant of Overdraft under PMJDY may be amended accordingly.

5. IBA is, therefore, requested to suitably amend the guidelines for grant of Overdraft under PMJDY and circulate among all member banks for immediate compliance under intimation to this Department.

6. This issues with the approval of Secretary(FS).

Yours faithfully,



25/08/2015
(Dr. Alok Pande)

Director

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1. Chairman/ CMDs/ MD & CEOs of all Public Sector Banks
2. CEOs of all Pvt. Sector Banks (through IBA)
3. Chairman, NABARD,- with a request to circulate to all RRBs and Cooperative Banks.


25/08/2015
(Dr. Alok Pande)

Director