

DBT Gazette for RNTCP beneficiaries
[Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme]

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- 1. What is this new gazette for mandatory Aadhar for DBT under RNTCP?**
This gazette is notified by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India for Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) using a web based application called Nikshay under the National Health Mission for ensuring electronic payment to various beneficiaries which will be Aadhar based.
- 2. Under which Act, this gazette has been notified?**
This gazette is issued, by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Central Government; in pursuance of the provisions of the section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016).
- 3. Are there other examples of similar Gazette notification issued by Government of India?**
Yes, Similar gazettes have earlier been issued for many social sector schemes for e.g. Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY).
So far as DBT is concerned over 290 schemes of 50 ministries are already registered.
- 4. Is this gazette applicable for whole country?**
This Official Gazette is applicable in all the States and Union territory Administrations except the States of Assam, Meghalaya and the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
- 5. What does this gazette mandates?**
This gazette mandates, individual eligible to receive the benefit under the Scheme to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.
- 6. Does that mean that TB patients are expected to bring Aadhar card, whenever they come to Health Center?**
Not necessarily. But, those eligible individuals who are desirous of financial benefits will have to submit proof of possession of Aadhaar Authentication.
- 7. Does that mean that services will be interrupted if the beneficiary is not able to produce his/her Aadhar card?**
No. All services including free diagnosis and treatment will continue without interruption.
Financial incentives to eligible individuals will still be extended if the individual produces any of the government issued valid proof of identity and gets enrolled for Aadhar.
- 8. What will happen if the individual do not have Aadhar enrolment facility nearby?**
State Government or Union territory Administration implementing RNTCP will be required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet

enrolled for Aadhaar and in case, there is no Aadhaar enrolment centre located in the respective Block or Taluka or Tehsil, the Department responsible for implementation of the Scheme in the State Government or Union Territory Administration shall provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in coordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or by becoming UIDAI Registrar

9. Will this not overburden the health system to extend Aadhaar enrolment services?

Not really. As Aadhaar coverage is very good and very few eligible individuals will require additional efforts for enrolment.

10. Will there be denial of services if Aadhaar card is not produced?

No. No diagnostic or treatment services will be denied to any patients if the individual do not produce proof of possession of Aadhaar Card.

11. What is the main objective of issuing such a gazette?

Main objective of this gazettes is to ensure use of Aadhaar as identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlement directly in a convenient and seamless manner

12. Who are the beneficiaries covered under this gazette?

Currently, the eligible beneficiaries are TB patients, eligible Treatment supporter and registered private providers as per existing RNTCP scheme.

13. How will confidentiality of Aadhaar number be maintained?

Every health staff collecting Aadhaar card details will give undertaking for maintaining its confidentiality and the EHR/EMR policy of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare will be followed strictly ensuring this information as sensitive personal information. Also, the policy as per IT Act and Aadhaar Act as its update notifications from time will be followed.

14. How will this Aadhaar information be used?

Aadhaar information will be used for identity as well as for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) using Aadhaar Authentication for e-payments (using PFMS) directly into patients bank accounts. This will be institutionalized through National Health Mission.

15. How will this initiative help in TB elimination?

This will help in ensuring timely payment of incentives to eligible individuals in a transparent and efficient manner. This will establish good governance in programme implementation, at the same time, it will also enhance participation of private practitioners and community volunteers in public health programme. And most importantly, needy TB patients will receive financial assistance and aid to help them complete their treatment, which is very crucial for achieving target of ending TB i.e. TB elimination.