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Subject: Validity of downloaded Aadhaar (e-Aadhaar) as Proof of identity - regarding. The Unique ldentification Authority ol lndia (UIDAI) is a statutory body under Section I I of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits & Services) Act, 2016 (Aadhaar Act,20l6) which came into fbrce on 12.09.2016. The UIDAI is mandated to issue l2 digit Unique Identification number called Aadhaar to the residents based on demographic and biornetric inforrnation submitted by thern to the UIDAI during enrollment. Aadhaar number is comrnunicated to the residents in physical form (Aadhaar letter) by post. UIDAI also provides facility to download Aadhaar in electronic forrn (Downloaded Aadhaar or e-Aadhaar) on its website (https://uidai.sov.in/).

2. UIDAI is receiving requests from various organisations/individual residents seeking clarification on validity of downloaded Aadhaar (e-Aadhaar) as various authorities are not accepting downloaded Aadhaar. This circular is being issued to ctarify the validity of downloaded Aadhaar (e-Aadhaag.

3, As per Section 4(3) of Aadhaar Act, 2016:

" An Aaclhaor number, in physical or eleclronic fornt ,ruhjecl lo aulhentication and
other conditions, as nay be ,rpecified by regulations, may be occepled as proof o[identity of the Aadhaar number holderfor any purpose".

IExplanation- For the purposes of this sub-section, the expression "electronic form"
shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (r) of sub-section (l) of section
2 of the lnfbrmation Technology Act, 20001.

4. Further, as per Regulation I 5 (l) of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations,
2016:

The Aadhaar number may be communicated to residents in physical form (including letters or cards) and/or e lectronic form.

5. lt is informed that downloaded Aadhaar (e-Aadhaar) canies Name, Address, Cender, Photo and Date of Birth details of the Aadhaar holder in similar form as in Printed Aadhaar

letter. 'fhe downloaded Aadhaar also contains date of Aadhaar generation and date of Aadhaar download. The downloaded Aadhaar (e-Aadhaar) is a digitally signed document by UIDAI as per IT' Act, 2000 which provides for legal recognition of electronic records with digital signatures.