

**AMENDMENT TO PARA 8.1 OF OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES OF
PM-KISAN SCHEME (AS ON 11.03.2019)**

Para 8.1 of the Operational Guidelines of PM-Kisan Scheme have further been amended and shall be read as follows:

“The Scheme shall be implemented through an Aadhaar linked electronic data base containing details of all members of the Small and Marginal landholder farmers whose names appear in the land records. For transfer of the first installment of financial benefits to the eligible farmers, Aadhaar number shall be collected for those beneficiaries where it is available and for others alternate prescribed documents can be collected for identity verification purposes. It is to be ensured that all such beneficiaries shall have to be compulsorily enrolled under Aadhaar, since payment of third installment onwards shall be done only on the basis of Aadhaar seeded data base. However, Aadhaar number shall be compulsory for release of second installment onwards. States / UTs shall ensure that there is no duplication of the payment transferred to eligible families.

The funds pertaining to income support benefit as well as administrative charges shall be released from Government of India to the States’ designated account/mechanism. The benefit shall be transferred by Government of India to the beneficiaries through a mechanism wherein district wise beneficiaries’ lists shall be certified and uploaded by the States/UTs and the funds will be electronically transferred via State Notional Account [similar to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS)] to the beneficiaries’ bank account on the basis of their account numbers and IFSC code. However, where the states verify that Aadhaar linked accounts are not the loan accounts of beneficiaries, the Aadhaar linked payment system can be adopted. For ease of implementation the States may consider assigning the job of sponsoring bank for the scheme to the same bank being used by concerned State for MGNREGS.”