

## **Distribution of Food Grains Through e-Pass**

## Why in News

Recently, while issuing a letter to all the collectors of the state by the Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department of Chhattisgarh, it has been said that food grains will be distributed through e-pass from the month of March in the fair price shops run by the Chhattisgarh government.

## **Key Points**

- The department has given instructions for distribution of food grains for the month of February through e-pass devices as well as through tablets.
- It may be mentioned that 13 thousand 294 government fair price shops are being operated in the state, out of which e-pass equipment has been installed in 12 thousand 322 government fair price shops.
- In these shops, the distribution of food grains will be done through e-pass devices instead of tablets. Food grains will be distributed through tablets till the e-pass device is installed in the remaining 972 fair price shops.
- Except Narayanpur, Bijapur, Sukma and Dantewada districts, the ration card holders of 12 thousand 322 fair price shops established in the remaining 24 districts will get the facility of getting ration from the fair price shop of their choice in these districts.
- Such ration card holders, whose Aadhaar of any member is verified but Aadhaar authentication is failing through the e-pass device, have been asked to send a proposal to the Food Directorate through the District Collector for the determination of the nominee (representative) for the distribution of food grains. After getting permission from the Directorate, the food can be distributed through the nominee after the food officer has appointed the other beneficiary as the nominee at the district level.
- On the written application of disabled, more than 60 years or less than 10 years of ration card holders, distribution of food grains can be done through the nominee by appointing the beneficiary appointed by the Food Officer at the district level.
- According to the monthly allocation in all government fair price shops, the storage distribution of rice, sugar, gram, salt, jaggery and kerosene has been compulsorily asked to be done every month before the first day of the month.

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