



Ban On Sale of Halal Marketed Product in the State

Why In News?

Halal certification on any product has been completely banned in Uttar Pradesh on November 18, 2023. This ban will apply to food products as well as medicines.

Key Points:

- Anita Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Food Safety and Drug Administration Department of Uttar Pradesh, has issued an order in this regard. All food and drug inspectors have been instructed to continuously monitor.
- There will be a complete ban on the manufacturing, storage, distribution and sale of food products as well as pharmaceutical products. However, there will be exemption for products sent abroad.
- It may be noted that Halal certificate has been issued on meat and its products exported abroad. Gradually, Halal certification started being stamped on all products including oil, soap, ghee. Following the instructions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, a strategy was made to stop it and on November 18, it was banned in the state.
- Any food products and medicines without Halal certification will not be accepted in the state. If any product is found not having Halal certification, action will be taken against the concerned manufacturer. Along with manufacturing, storage, distribution, sale has been completely banned.
- If any exporter operating in the state prepares his food products or medicines for countries where only food products with Halal certification are accepted, then he will be given exemption. He will be able to manufacture, store and distribute the products meant for other countries.
- There is no rule for Halal certification in the state regulations. Only quality, packing, labeling should be correct. After the new order, if anyone prepares or stores and distributes medicines, cosmetics and food items with Halal certification, then action will be taken against him under Act 1940 and related rules.
- Under this, the punishment can be imprisonment of three years, fine of one lakh rupees, and under Rule 18A, imprisonment of six years or fine of Rs 25 thousand.

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