

## **Micro ATMs**

## Why in News

 The state government will install 'Micro ATMs' in about 9,500 depots of the state, so that the people of the village can also deposit and withdraw money as per their need. Not only this, they will also be able to check their balance in the bank through this 'Micro ATM'.

## **Key Points**

- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala gave this information after presiding over the meeting of the officers of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department.
- The Deputy Chief Minister said that it is the effort of the state government to make such arrangements in the state, so that the poor people who take ration through ration depots can pay their ration through a POS machine and withdraw extra money like an ATM.
- In the first phase, 'Micro ATMs' will be installed at the depots in Gurugram, Faridabad, Hisar, Karnal and Panchkula on a pilot basis, so that apart from the ration card holders, people from nearby areas will be able to withdraw and deposit money.
- With this step of the state government, where people will get convenience, depot-holders will also get commission in return for helping the bank, which will increase their income.
- Dushyant Chautala said that the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department has about 9,500 depots in the state, through which the ration is provided to BPL families at affordable rates.
- In order to bring transparency, in the interest of the poor, the state government had first started the work of distribution of ration through 'POS' machines, now 'Micro ATMs' will be installed through these depots and people will get the facility to transfer money at the local level. Depotholders will first be given training to operate the above machines.

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