

## Approval of Uttarakhand Competitive Examination (Measures for Prevention and Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Ordinance 2023

## Why In News?

On February 9, 2023, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has approved the Uttarakhand Competitive Examination (Measures for Prevention and Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Ordinance 2023 to ensure transparency and probity in competitive examinations in the state.

## **Key points**

- The main provisions of the Ordinance are as follows:
- Strict provisions have been made against the culprits in this ordinance. If any person is found involved in unfair means like printing press, service provider, management system, coaching institute, etc., then there is a provision of imprisonment up to life and a fine of up to ten crore rupees.
- If a person conspires with an organized institution, then there is a provision of imprisonment up to life and a fine of up to Rs 10 crore.
- If a candidate is found indulging in unfair means by cheating himself in the competitive examination or cheating another candidate, then there is a provision of three years imprisonment and a minimum fine of five lakh rupees.
- If the candidate is found guilty again in another competitive examination, then a provision of minimum ten years imprisonment and a minimum fine of 10 lakhs has been made against him.
- If any candidate is found cheating, a provision has been made to reject the charge sheet for two to five years from the date of filing the charge sheet and in case of conviction, a provision has been made to disgualify all competitive examinations for ten years.
- If a candidate is found cheating again, a provision has been made to postpone all competitive examinations for five to ten years and lifetime respectively. Property acquired using unfair means will be confiscated.
- Offenses under this Act will be cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable.

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