



# Parivar Pehchan Patra and Privacy Concerns

## Why in News

Recently, there has been a privacy concern with respect to **Haryana's Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) Scheme**.

- Although enrollment under the scheme is voluntary, but the **precondition of linking it** to get the benefit of many essential services has raised serious concerns about the scheme.

## Key Points

### ▪ Current Issue:

- **Contradictory Position:** Although the enrollment under the PPP is **voluntary**, but in case a citizen or a family wishes to apply for a service delivered by the Haryana government, the PPP ID would be **required**, which leaves very little choice before the residents.
- **Data Abuse:** In the absence of **privacy laws** in India, or any indication of data protection **Standard Operating Procedures** being followed for this exercise, there is strong possibility of **potential abuse** of the data collected under the PPP.
  - Moreover, a lot of data which is being sought is well above and beyond what is required for the delivery of a particular service.

### ▪ Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) Scheme:

- **Background:** PPP scheme was formally launched in July 2019 to achieve Haryana government's vision for **'paperless' and 'faceless'** delivery of schemes, services and benefits offered by the state government.
  - Under this, each family is considered a **single unit** and gets an **8-digit unique identification number**, called **family ID**.
  - Family IDs are also linked to independent schemes like **scholarships, subsidies and pensions**, so as to ensure consistency and reliability.
  - It also enables **automatic selection** of beneficiaries of various schemes, subsidies and pensions.
- **Objective:** The primary objective of **Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP)** is to create **authentic, verified and reliable data** of all families in Haryana.

### ▪ Benefits of PPP:

- **Family as a Unit:** Union government's **Aadhaar card** contains individual's details and does not cater to the entire family as a unit.
  - Although the **ration card system** is there, it is **not updated** and does not contain **adequate family records**.
- **Smooth Service Delivery:** Government services and schemes such as **social security pensions, ration cards and birth, death, caste and income certificates etc.** are being delivered by various departments of the Haryana government through PPP.
- **Beneficial for Migrant Workers:** **Registration IDs** are provided to those who live in

Haryana but have **not completed residency requirements.**

- This enables the State government to provide benefits such as rations from fair price shops, benefits of labour schemes, street vendors' support schemes, etc.

### PPP vs Aadhaar

- While Aadhaar represents an **individual as a unit**, a PPP represents a **family as a unit** and this is where PPP is important because, most of our government schemes are **structured around the family**, not around an **individual**.
  - For example, **ration eligibility** is there for the family but the family can split it into various members as long as they are above 18 years and say they are separating entitlements for all individuals.

### Way Forward

- The PPP may also be linked to **property records** in the government database of lands and properties to prevent **fraudulent transactions** and **clarify ownership**.
- Besides, the government should start a **mass campaign** to make people aware about the **schemes and its benefits**.
- Government should also introduce **measures** to strengthen the security of **data** being collected under the **Parivar Pehchan Patra** (PPP) scheme.

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