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Case study. Suppose you are an officer in charge of implementing a social service scheme to provide support to old and destitute women. An old and illiterate woman comes to you to avail the benefits of the scheme. However, she has no documents to show that she fulfils the eligibility criteria. But after meeting her and listening to her you feel that she certainly needs support. Your enquiries also show that she is really destitute and living in a pitiable condition. You are in a dilemma as to what to do. Putting her under the scheme without necessary documents would clearly be violation of rules. But denying her the support would be cruel and inhuman. (a) Can you think of a rational way to resolve this dilemma? (b) Give your reasons for it. 24. You are a young, aspiring.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · GS IV · 20 marks · Ethics Case Studies

Case Studies on above issues.

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National Social Assistance Programme

The Union umbrella for pensions for the old, widows and persons with disability; States often allow local certification when civil documents are missing.

National Food Security Act, 2013

A food-entitlement statute that can cover a destitute woman while a pension file is built, if the household can be identified.

Aadhaar as proof of identity

Enrolment camps can create identity for a person who never had a birth certificate; it is a tool, not a wall, if the officer organises the camp.

Article 21, Constitution of India

A mechanical refusal that leaves a destitute woman to die of process sits badly with the right to life with dignity.

Speaking order

Recorded reasons that show you used verification, not a wink; the administrative-law habit that makes compassion reviewable and honest.

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