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Q8

Case study. Rakesh is a responsible district-level officer, who enjoys the trust of his higher officials. Knowing his honesty, the government entrusted him with the responsibility of identifying the beneficiaries under a health care scheme meant for senior citizens. The criteria to be a beneficiary are the following: (a) 60 years of age or above. (b) Belonging to a reserved community. (c) Family income of less than 1 Lakh rupees per annum. (d) Post-treatment prognosis is likely to be high to make a positive difference to the quality of life of the beneficiary. One day, an old couple visited Rakesh's office with their application. They have been the residents of a village in his district since their birth. The old man is diagnosed with a rare condition that causes obstruction in the large intestine. As a consequence, he has severe abdominal pain frequently that prevents him from doing any physical labour. The couple has no children to support them. The expert surgeon whom they contacted is willing to do the surgery without charging any fee. However, the couple will have to bear the cost of incidental charges, such as medicines, hospitalization, etc., to the tune of rupees one lakh. The couple fulfills all the criteria except criterion 'b'. However, any financial aid would certainly make a significant difference in their quality of life. How should Rakesh respond to the situation? (250 words).

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · GS IV · 20 marks · Ethics Case Studies

Case Studies on above issues.

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Scheme criteria as law

When government lists eligibility, the district officer administers the list; expanding a reserved-community clause at the desk is ultra vires.

Ayushman Bharat - PM-JAY

A publicly funded health-assurance route that may cover hospitalisation for eligible poor families without abusing another scheme's reservation clause.

Chief Minister's / Prime Minister's relief funds

Discretionary humanitarian funds that exist precisely for hard cases that miss a closed scheme.

Hospital poor-patient and Red Cross funds

Local charity doors that can meet incidental medicine and bed charges when a surgeon has already waived the fee.

Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964

Require integrity; a false caste or community entry is not compassion, it is misconduct.

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