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Hafed to supply fortified food to PDS shops in Ambala, Karnal

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Chandigarh: With a view to give momentum to food fortification in the state, the Haryana government has decided to extend supply of fortified food to all public distribution system (PDS) shops in Ambala and Karnal districts from September 1 through Haryana State Co-operative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (Hafed).

Giving details, a government spokesperson said that under the ongoing pilot project, fortified chakki atta (flour) was being supplied in Barara and Naraingarh blocks of Ambala district. Now, it would be extended to all PDS shops in Ambala and Karnal, including anganwadis of these districts.

In addition, Hafed would ensure fortification of mustard oil (vitamin A and D) and supply it through PDS in a phased manner at the rate of 2 litres per month per family to the beneficiaries of below poverty line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY). Hafed would also ensure distribution of fortified cottonseed and soyabean oil to anganwaris in all districts by September 1.

Also, the school education department would make it mandatory the purchase of fortified edible oil (whether mustard, soya bean or cotton seed) from Hafed retail stores. The federation would also ensure that the entire edible oil supply to its retail stores is only fortified with effect from November 1.