

UP bans 'halal-certified' food products, export items exempted

FIR Against 8 Agencies Issuing Certs

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Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh government on Saturday banned production, storage, distribution and sale of 'Halal-certified' food products, except in cases where this certificate is required for export purposes.

"The action was taken after Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath took cognizance of the issue of forged Halal certification by certain agencies, which is legal," said a government spokesperson.

Earlier on Friday evening, an FIR was lodged against eight agencies issuing 'forged' Halal certificates to a range of products. Lodged by a Hazratganj-

'MISUSE OF HALAL CERTS'

WHAT'S HALAL

Halal tag required mostly for meat products

Halal certification means food/product is in accordance with Islamic law

In India, FSSAI certification can be seen on all processed foods

WHERE'S THE PROBLEM

Some firms use it even for beauty oil, soaps and toothpaste. Hence, govt slapped the ban

FIR lodged since companies issued forged halal certs for financial gains

Indian govt does not mandate halal certification

based businessman, Shailendra Kumar Sharma, this was the first FIR filed against these certificates in the country, said a police officer.

The FIR said that the said companies allegedly issued forged halal certificates to various companies for financial gains, fostering not only social animosity but also violating public trust.

However, Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind Halal Trust termed the allegations as "base-

less" and said it will take "necessary legal measures to counter such misinformation".

The ban order issued by Anita Singh, commissioner, food safety and drug administration, said: "Under Food Safety and Standards Act 2006, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is the apex body which checks and fixes the quality and standards of food products."

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