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Q7

There is a growing divergence in the relationship between poverty and hunger in India. The shrinking of social expenditure by the government is forcing the poor to spend more on Non-Food essential items squeezing their food - budget.- Elucidate.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2019 · GS II · 10 marks · Poverty and Hunger

Issues relating to poverty and hunger.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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National Food Security Act, 2013

Statutory PDS entitlements for priority and Antyodaya households; the main public food floor when cash is squeezed.

National Health Mission

Public primary-care architecture; weak last-mile NHM cover raises out-of-pocket medical costs that crowd out food.

NFHS nutrition indicators

Stunting, wasting and anaemia series that can remain high after official poverty ratios improve.

Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, 2005

Rural wage employment whose delays or short person-days cut cash for non-PDS foods.

RTE Act, 2009, and school meals

Public schooling and midday meals (later PM POSHAN) that, if weak, push fees and still leave child hunger.

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