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Q5

In what way could replacement of price subsidy with direct benefit Transfer (DBT) change the scenario of subsidies in India? Discuss.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS III · 12 marks · Farm Subsidies and PDS

Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System - objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.

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JAM

Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, mobile trinity set out in **Economic Survey 2014-15** as the base for Direct Benefit Transfer.

PAHAL

Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG: subsidy credited to the consumer's account after Aadhaar or bank seeding.

Price subsidy

A controlled low sale price on urea, kerosene, some foodgrain or LPG, with the State paying the producer or oil company the gap.

Ghost beneficiaries

Duplicate or fake ration and LPG connections that a price subsidy on the good cannot easily detect.

Fertiliser subsidy

Large Union outlay, especially on urea; dual pricing has long been linked to diversion and imbalanced nutrient use.

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