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What are the salient features of the National Food Security Act, 2013 ? How has the Food Security Bill helped in eliminating hunger and malnutrition in India?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · GS III · 15 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.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Coverage

NFSA: up to 75 per cent of rural and 50 per cent of urban population.

Priority ration

5 kg per person per month at Rs 3/2/1 for rice, wheat, and coarse cereals.

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Antyodaya: 35 kg per household per month at the same issue prices.

Maternity benefit

Act provides not less than Rs 6,000 for pregnant and lactating women; delivery through later scheme design has been tighter.

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One Nation One Ration Card: portability reform that made the NFSA entitlement more migrant-friendly.

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