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What are the major challenges of Public Distribution System (PDS) in India ? How can it be made effective and transparent ?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · GS III · 10 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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NFSA 2013

National Food Security Act: statutory PDS entitlements for eligible households, with grievance and transparency duties on States.

FCI

Food Corporation of India: central agency for procurement, storage and movement of grain into the PDS pipeline.

One Nation One Ration Card

Portability so a migrant household can draw the NFSA ration outside the home State.

e-PoS

Electronic point-of-sale at fair-price shops, typically with Aadhaar authentication and electronic weighing.

Fair-price shop

Licensed last-mile outlet of the PDS; the usual site of under-weighting and irregular hours if unmonitored.

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