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Q14

What are the direct and indirect subsidies provided to farm sector in India? Discuss the issues raised by the World Trade Organization(WTP) in relation to agricultural subsidies.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · 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.

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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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Amber Box

Trade-distorting domestic support under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture; developing-country de minimis is 10 per cent.

Green Box

Permitted support such as research, extension, and decoupled income payments that meet WTO criteria.

Peace clause

Bali 2013 Ministerial Decision: members refrain from disputes on developing-country food stockholding that breaches Amber limits, subject to conditions.

G-33

Coalition of developing countries, including India, seeking a permanent public-stockholding solution.

PM-KISAN

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi: per-year income support to eligible farmers; closer to decoupled support than a crop-wise MSP.

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