

Whether PDS/RPDS/TPDS???

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Highlights : Questions??

- GoI spends Rs.3.65 to transfer Rs.1?
- About 57% of Subsidized grains does not reach target group., of this 36% is lost??
- TPDS plagued by large errors of exclusion and inclusion??
- BPL identification survey??
- Economic costs > market prices in most states??
- FPS viability?? Only 23% viable!
- Quota Delivery mechanism??

Issues:

- Efficacy? (p/ t/ s/ d)
- Off-take by whom?
- Who shall determine off-take?
- What are going to be its determinants?
- Types and magnitudes of targeting errors?
- Its implications?
- Extent of leakages and diversions?

Variation across states:

- Administrative structure?
- Retail outlets??
- Door-step delivery??
- Irregular delivery schedule of quota??
- Monitoring of activities of FPS's??
- Ration cards??
- No. of ration cards attached to an outlet??

Continued:

- Break up of APL-BPL??
- Financial viability of FPS??
- Consumer off-take??
- Its determinants?? Variability??
- Average monthly off-take per card??
- Off-take by BPL card holders??
- House-hold ration card mapping??

Continued:

- Errors of exclusion??
- Errors of inclusion??
- Prevalence of ghost BPL cards??
- Inclusion error??
- Double Counting error??
- Missing household error??
- Shadow ownership error??

Outcomes: Undesirable??

- 1) Loss of welfare
- 2) Increase in delivery cost

Options: Suggestions?? Delivery??

- Door step delivery?
- Authentication by PRIs?
- Quota in installments??
- Weightage to local preferences??
- Current entitlement + additional quantity?
- PDS to be given to Coops + SHGs?
- FPS in public buildings?

Options: Policy??

- Paradox of overflowing godowns and hunger?
- Employment and access to food??
- Changes in food consumption pattern??
- Single public interest??
- Is decision-making constrained by rules??

Ideas/Good practices??

- Food stamps
- Food coupons
- Food credit cards/smart cards
- Grain banks/Anaj samitis
- Issue of SEC instead of ration cards

Is there a way ahead??

Thank you!!!