

**EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THROUGH FCI WITH
SPECIAL REFERENCE TO ANDROTH, U.T OF LAKSHADWEEP**

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ABSTRACT

The Public Distribution System (PDS) of India plays a crucial role in reducing food insecurity by acting as a safety net by distributing essential at a subsidized rate. While the PDS forms a cornerstone of government food and nutrition policy, India continues to be form to a large population of hungry and malnourished people. This review seeks to explore the functioning and efficiency of the PDS in achieving food and nutrition security in India. The findings of the review emphasize the role of PDS in tackling hunger and malnutrition while highlighting it's limited role in improving food security and childhood mortality due to operational inefficiencies. The PDS has the potential to act as a solution to food insecurity in India if the operational inefficiencies and environmental footprints are addressed by adequate policy reforms. The Public Distribution System in Lakshadweep is channelized through a network of operating societies. Lakshadweep corporate marketing federation, an apex body of corporate societies is designated as the wholesale agent of Administration under public distribution system. The study analyses the effectiveness of public distribution system through FCI with special reference to Androth, UT of Lakshadweep. Main objectives of the paper are to identify effectiveness of Public distribution system in Androth and analyze distribution of food grains throughout the islands for public distribution system. And also the paper focus on to pinpoint the people attitudes towards working of FCI in Androth Island.

KEY WORDS: Public Distribution system, FCI,

INTRODUCTION

The Indian food security system was established under the Ministry of consumer Affairs, food and Public Distribution to distribute food and non-food items to India's poor at subsidized rates. This scheme was first started in February 1944, during the Second World War, and was launched in the current form in June 1947. Major commodities distributed include staple food grains, such as wheat, rice, sugar and essential fuels like kerosene, through a network of fair price shops (also known as ration shops) established in several states across the country. Food Corporation of India, a government-owned corporation, procures and maintains the public distribution system (PDS).

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The Public Distribution System in Lakshadweep is channelized through a network of operating societies. Lakshadweep corporate marketing federation, an apex body of corporate societies is designated as the wholesale agent of Administration under public distribution system. Its main role in procurement and marketing societies, 1 each in the 10 inhabitant islands act as the retail agents under public Distribution System. Their main role is to stock the essential commodities in the islands and distribute them to the consumers through the cooperative distribution societies in various islands

Key Words

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FCI: Food Corporation of India, a government-owned corporation, procures and maintains the public distribution system (PDS).

INHABITANT ISLANDS: A place of an Island or region is inhabited by a group of people or a species of animals, those peoples or animals live there.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To identify effectiveness of Public distribution system in Androth.