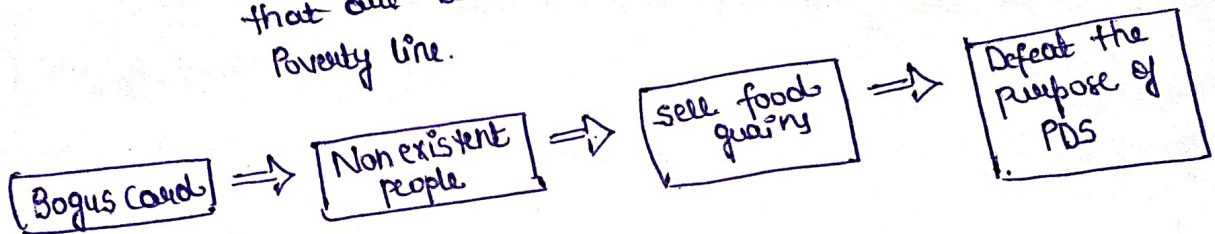


Public distribution system (PDS) the Program which is run by Government for distributing essential commodities to vulnerable sections of the Society.

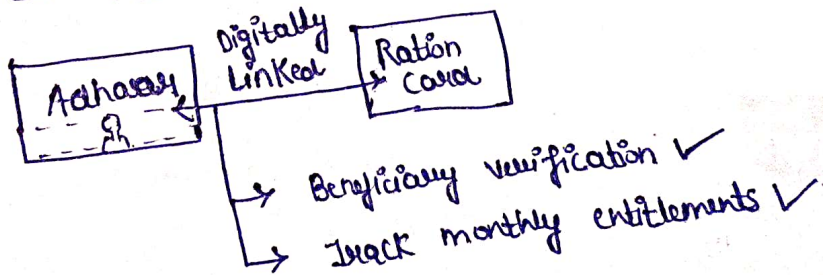
1. Picture of challenges in Public Distribution System

- 1.1) Inaccurate identification of beneficiaries
- 1.2) Leakage and diversion of food grains during transportation. 46.7% recorded according to NSSO
- 1.3) Lack of reliable regular data.
- 1.4) Many inclusion and exclusion errors of households that are below Poverty line and above Poverty line.



2. Digital transformation of PDS

- 2.1) Beneficiary authentication: installing "Point of Sale" to swap ration card
- 2.2) Use of GPS: Track trucks carrying food grains



- 2.3) Direct Benefit Transfer: Cash transferred to beneficiaries account. Hence farmers to buy food grains from anywhere in market.

- 2.4) Public Grievance Redressal desk like toll free numbers to register complaints

3) Significance of changes

3.1) Supreme Court : Right to food is essential to Right to life in Article 21

3.2) National food security Act 2013 : Make right to food legal entitlement

4) Government other steps

4.1) Mid-day meal Programme

4.2) Breakfast scheme in Tamil Nadu

4.3) POSHAN Abhiyan

4.4) Anemia Mukt Bharat Abhiyan

— Although Government taking the improvement measures day by day but still there are certain corners of PDS that are yet to be touched.