

CHAPTER 18

PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Delhi is one of pioneer state in implementation of the National Food Security Act, 2013 w.e.f. 1st Sept 2013 soon after enactment of NFS Act, 2013 by Government of India.

2. The Department of Food Supply and Consumer Affairs, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, manages the public distribution system in Delhi. At present, the public distribution system in Delhi is for distribution of wheat and rice to all food cards holders under the NFS Act and sugar to AAY cardholders. Government has designated Delhi Public Grievance Commission as the State Food Commission for effective and timely redressal of grievances of beneficiaries. Many reform measures are taken by GNCTD to make the PDS more transparent like ration card portability services, issuing SMS alerts to the beneficiaries.
3. The Public Distribution network of GNCTD comprising of 2210 FPS distributed food grains to 72.78 lakh population through 19.41 lakh food security cards as on 31st March 2018. Almost all digital food security cards are Aadhar enabled. However, presently there are 2057 FPS providing food grains to 68.75 lakh beneficiaries through 17.14 lakh food security cards as on 3rd Jan 2019.
4. The food entitlement to various categories of beneficiaries under the Targeted Public Distribution System is given in statement 18.1:

Statement 18.1

Food Grains Entitlement of beneficiaries per month and the Rate

S. No.	Commodity	Category	Quantity	Rate (₹ / kg)
1	Wheat	AAY	25 Kg/Per Card	2.00
		PR	4 Kg/Member	
2	Rice	AAY	10 Kg/Per Card	3.00
		PR	1 Kg/Member	
3	Sugar	AAY	1 Kg/Per Card	13.50

Note: AAY- Antyodaya Anna Yojana, PR- Priority Household category.

5. The number of Fair Price Shops and the total number of Ration Cards issued by GNCTD in the last 6 Years is given below in statement 18.2.

Statement 18.2

DETAILS OF PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN DELHI-2012-2018

S. No.	Years	No. of Ration Cards (in thousands)	No. of Fair Price Shops (FPS)	Licensed Shops for Kerosene
1	2012-13	3435	2479	1829
2	2013-14	1779	2396	Nil
3	2014-15	1700	2310	
4	2015-16	1950	2283	
5	2016-17	1941	2254	
6	2017-18	1941	2210	

6. It may be seen from the Statement 18.2 that the number of Ration Card holders dropped significantly from 34.35 lakh in 2012-13 to 17.79 lakh in 2013-14 due to implementation of National Food Security Act in Delhi w.e.f. September 2013. This is due to exclusion of non-entitled beneficiaries from the total beneficiaries. Mainly due to the ceiling of the annual income of ₹ 1 lakh & other exclusion criteria under priority Group (PR) and eligibility of AAY beneficiaries. There is no licensed shop for distribution of Kerosene under TPDS in Government of NCT of Delhi since Delhi had become a kerosene-free city in 2013-14.
7. The number of fair price shops in Delhi as on 31st March 2018 was 2210 and on an average, each fair price shops has about 879 Ration Cards as on 31st March 2018. District-wise distribution of ration cards and fair price shops is presented in Statement 18.3

Statement 18.3

DISTRICT-WISE PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN DELHI -2017-18

S. No.	Districts	Ration cards	Per cent	FPS	Per cent	Members	Per cent
1	North East	298817	15.39	341	15.43	1157693	15.91
2	East	181850	9.36	235	10.63	709445	9.75
3	Central	143065	7.37	141	6.38	507723	6.97
4	South West	273618	14.09	320	14.48	1002965	13.78
5	South	230728	11.88	274	12.40	880215	12.09
6	New Delhi	86797	4.47	114	5.16	319255	4.39
7	West	220638	11.36	268	12.13	826603	11.36
8	North West	326550	16.82	325	14.70	1222830	16.80
9	North	179798	9.26	192	8.69	651265	8.95
	Total	1941861	100.00	2210	100.00	7277994	100.00

8. It may be observed from Statement 18.3 that the highest number of cards during 2017-18 was in the North West District of Delhi, while, the highest number of fair price shop was in the North East District.

9. The information regarding the quantity of cereals and sugar allotted to Delhi and the distribution of the same through the public distribution system in Delhi during 2016-17 & 2017-18 is depicted in statement 18.4.

Statement 18.4

DISTRIBUTION OF CEREALS AND SUGAR THROUGH PDS IN DELHI 2016-17 & 2017-18

(Quantity in 000 MT)

S. No.	Details	Items					
		Rice (NFS)		Wheat (NFS)		Sugar (Other than NFS)	
		2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18	2016-17	2017-18
I	Quantity Allotted	92.53	92.50	356.61	356.71	19.06	5.39
II	Quantity Lifted for Distribution	92.53	92.50	356.59	356.70	18.99	5.37
III	Percentage Distributed	100.00	100.00	99.99	99.99	99.63	99.63

10. It may be seen from the table above that the cent percentage of rice and wheat lifted by Govt. were distributed to the beneficiaries under NFS. Distribution of sugar during 2017-18 is also near to 100%.

11. Antyodaya Anna Yojana

The Scheme is for the poorest section of the population who are unable to get two square meals a day on a sustained basis throughout the year and their purchasing power is so low that they are not in a position to buy food grains round the year even at BPL rates. Under the Scheme, the poorest of poor who are at the starving threshold are being provided 35 kg of food grains (25 kg wheat and 10 kg rice) per month, wheat @ ₹ 2/- per kg and rice @ ₹ 3/- per kg. Total 73,884 families consisting of 276787 members are under this scheme.

12. Food Grains at BPL Rates to Welfare Institutions/Hostel Scheme

As per Government of India Scheme, Govt. of NCT of Delhi is providing food grains at BPL rates to destitute people living in welfare institutions such as beggar home, hostels for SC/ST & OBC student, home for street children, neglected and delinquent and abandoned children, juvenile, older persons, nari niketan etc. The food grain would be made available to these welfare institutions, depending on the rates at which the allocation is received from the Government of India. 18 such institutions are registered with the Department

of Food and Supplies, Govt. of NCT of Delhi under this scheme and 3529 inmates are getting benefit under this scheme.

13. **KEROSINE FREE CITY – LPG CONNECTION FOR EWS**

Govt. has decided to make Delhi as Kerosene Free City in the year 2012-13. Under this Scheme, Govt. of NCT of Delhi has provided free LPG connection with an LPG filled cylinder along with two burner chullah and other accessories to kerosene oil user cardholders. The scheme was launched on 21.08.2012. The total number of kerosene oil users as per the e-PDS database in Delhi were 356395. The scheme has since been discontinued since September 2013 and Delhi has been declared as "Kerosene Free City" in October 2013. Distribution of Kerosene oil in GNCT of Delhi under PDS has been stopped.

14. **DELHI STATE FOOD COMMISSION**

Govt. of Delhi is in the process of setting up of an independent State food commission and making it functional, in terms of the provision of National Food Security Act, to handle the grievance redressal mechanism and to address non-delivery of entitlements to the eligible beneficiaries. The Commission will monitor and review the implementation of NFSA in efficient and transparent manner. Presently Public Grievance Commission, Delhi has been designated to work as State Food Commission under NFS Act, 2013.

15. **SMS ALERTS REGARDING DISPATCH OF RATION TO FPS**

Recently in order to computerize Supply Chain Management of PDS operations, Specified Food Articles (SFA), off take module has been implemented in Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation. SMS alert is being sent to Vigilance Committee headed by the Hon'ble MLA of the area, Concerned FSO, Inspectors and cardholders who have registered their mobile numbers in the website, as and when SFA is dispatched from the godown. Any Cardholder can receive SMS pertaining to concerned FPS, by registering their mobile number on the link: www.nfs.delhigovt.nic.in

16. **POINT OF SALE DEVICE**

The e-PoS project was implemented at all FPS w.e.f. 01.01.2018 through M/s Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) as System Integrator. The scheme has been put on hold w.e.f. 25-04-2018 due to technical glitches. The month-wise number of Ration Card holders who availed ration through the e-PoS system is as under:

Month	No. of Card Holders
January	15,15,769
February	15,29,980
March	15,48,801

17. RATION CARD PORTABILITY

With the introduction of the e-PoS facility, all ration cardholders were enabled to collect their SFA from any FPS in Delhi. Month-wise number of ration cardholders who availed ration through portability is as under:-

Month	No. of Card Holders
January' 2018	1,67,748
February' 2018	2,96,737
March' 2018	3,98,569

18. e-RATION CARD

Facility of e-ration card has been operationalised w.e.f. April 2015. About 1162006 ration cardholders to date have availed the benefit by downloading the ration card from their respective places during the last two years. This has brought transparency and efficient delivery of the facility of ration card to the beneficiaries.

19. PAHAL

19.1 PAHAL scheme was earlier launched on 1st June 2013. It required the consumer to mandatorily have an Aadhar number for availing LPG Subsidy. After examining the difficulties faced by Consumers, the Government modified the scheme and re-launched it on 15-11-2014.

19.2 Under the modified PAHAL Scheme, LPG Consumer can receive a subsidy in his bank account by two methods. Such a consumer is called CTC (Cash Transfer Compliant) once he joins the scheme and is ready to receive a subsidy in the bank account. Option is:

Option I (Primary): wherever Aadhaar number is available it will remain the medium of cash transfer. Thus, an LPG consumer who has an Aadhaar Number has to link it to the bank account number and to the LPG consumer number.

Option II (Secondary): If LPG consumer does not have an Aadhaar number, then he can directly receive the subsidy in his bank account without the use of Aadhaar number. This option which has now been introduced in the modified scheme ensures that LPG subsidy is not denied to an LPG consumer on account of lack of Aadhaar number.

20. Present Status of PAHAL in Delhi as on 31st March 2018:

Total No. of LPG Consumers	48,24,565
Total No. of PAHAL beneficiaries (CTC Consumers)	39,04,527
Total No. of PAHAL beneficiaries seeded with Aadhar ATC (Number)	36,89,026
Total No. of PAHAL beneficiaries seeded with Aadhar ATC (%)	76.5 %