

CHAPTER 14

PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The Department of CS&CA is the Nodal Department for the implementation of Public Distribution System in this UT. The Department implements Public Distribution System across this UT through 12 Principal Distribution Centres by providing Rice, Wheat, Fortified wheat flour, Sugar and Kerosene Oil through FPS.

The Island Territory of A&N Island is a seismic prone area and considering its susceptibility to natural disasters, the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs plays a pro-active role in ensuring food security in the region. The Department has ensured that almost all the major inhabited Islands are having storage infrastructure for food grains to meet any eventualities. Presently, the Department has created 13,620 MT storage infrastructures across this Territory to maintain 3 months buffer stock of food grains.

In order to bring in transparency and to improve efficiency in Public Distribution System, the Department had initiated End to End computerization of PDS during 2013. For the e-PDS computerization the Department had appointed HCL Infotech as the System Integrator, so that computerized application modules could be developed for ration card, Godown management, Grievance Redressal, Legal Metrology, FPS automation and Web Portal of the Department. The Department had successfully implemented the pilot in South Andaman District and the roll out of e-PDS in North & Middle Andaman District and Nicobar District is in progress.

Achievements: Physical

Name of the Scheme/Projects/Item Covered	Unit	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Off take of Food Grains						
Rice	MT	22,557	23,484	23,682	22,844	22,821
Wheat		7,767	10,536	10,338	10,811	6,737
Sugar		4,668	4,668	4,668	4,668	4,651
Kerosene Oil		2,471	6,912	5,760	5,772	5,160
Fair Price Shops Automation	No.	--	--	--	--	275

Sustainable Development Goals

Sl. No	SDG Target	Schematic Indicators	Achievements
1	End hunger by 2030	Percentage of BPL households covered under NFSA	86
2.	Ensure Universal Access to affordable reliable and modern Energy Services	Percentage of BPL households given LPG connections	47
		No. of beneficiaries given LPG subsidy under PAHAL	61895
3.	Provide Legal identity for all, including birth registration	Proportion of population covered under Aadhaar	96
4	Halve per capital global food waste at the retails and consumer levels and reduce losses along production and supply chains	Creation of additional storage infrastructure	1000 MT
5.	Rationalize inefficient fossil fuels subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption by removing market distortions.	Annual savings of Kerosene Oil	477 KL

Analysis:

1. **Food Security:** - Through 100% off-take of food grains the department could ensure Food security to the vulnerable and needy households in this Territory. The off-take figure and the percentage of lifting reflect steady increase in lifting of food grains in terms of the quantity allocated by the Govt. of India. During 2016-17 the quantity of food grains allocated was relatively less than that of previous years as such the figure corresponds to lifting for the respective year proportionately reduced to the quantity of allocation, while maintaining 100% lifting.
2. **FPS Automation:** - With the implementation of e-PDS the Department envisages 100% automation of Fair Price Shops so that transparency could be ensured in distribution of food grains among the PDS beneficiaries. 275 FPSs out of a total of 487 FPSs as on 31st March, 2017 were automated during 2016-17.
3. **NFSA Coverage:** - NFSA implemented in this UT during March, 2016. A total of 51484 beneficiaries were earlier covered under NFSA during the year 2015-16 which has been increased to 54252 in the subsequent year 2016-17 thus the UT Administration could attain coverage of 86 % of the ceiling of 63260 prescribed by the Govt. of India during the reference period.

4. **PMUY Schemes** :- Under the Scheme, a total of 7000 SECC households were reached by the IOCL functionaries out of the ceiling of 14900 and during 2016-17 as many as 1189 households were issued with LPG connection under the Scheme.
5. **PAHAL**: - Direct Benefit Transfer to the LPG consumers were implemented in this UT during 2016. There were about 70000 active LPG consumers of which 61895 were brought under DBT during 2016, thereby registering 88% coverage of the total LPG consumers under the Scheme by 2016.
6. **Assigning of Aadhaar**: - Aadhaar enrollment started in this UT way-back in 2011-12 in phase 1 and during this phase a total of 1.60 lakh residents were assigned with Aadhaar. Thereafter the phase II enrollment began in 2015-16 and during this phase a total of 2.29 lakh residents were assigned with Aadhaar by 2017 to make the total figure to 3.89 lakh as against the projected population of 4.01 lakh residents.
7. **Augmentation of Storage Space**: - There has been a storage gap of 770 MT and 800 MT in South Andaman and North & Middle Andaman District respectively. To close the storage gap 400 MT storage space has been created in South Andaman District and 600 MT storage space created in North & Middle Andaman District during 2016-17. With these in place, 64% storage deficit could be bridged up by way of constructing new storage infrastructure.
8. **Kerosene Free**: - The Govt. of India time and again reiterates to minimize the use of kerosene in households where Kerosene is being used as a cooking fuel. In order to address this issue the Kerosene beneficiary database of this UT have been seeded with Aadhaar and good number of bogus beneficiaries were eliminated so that the subsidy on Kerosene could be rationalized. A total of 477 KL of Kerosene could be saved annually by way of rationalizing the Kerosene data base. The department endeavors to minimize the use of Kerosene in households by penetrating LPG especially in rural areas through the PMUY scheme.

Outlay and Expenditure

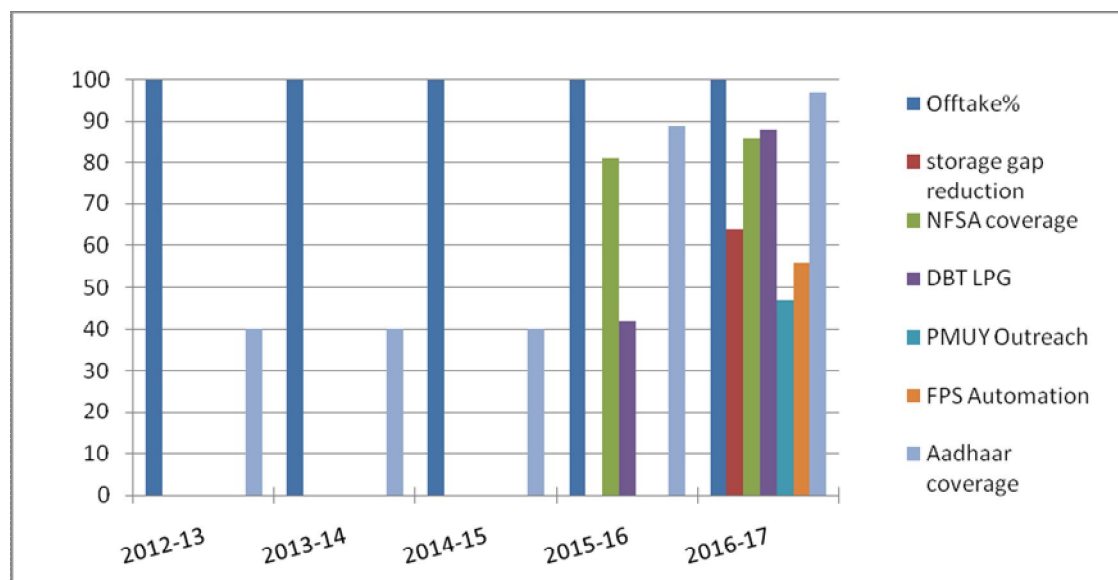
(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Out Lay	Expenditure	% of Expenditure
2012-13	800.895	798.02	99.6%
2013-14	812.00	802.03	98.7%
2014-15	666.00	666.00	100%
2015-16	916.51	913.61	99.6%
2016-17	1069.21	1065.3	99.6%

Outcome based Statistics

Outcome	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Off take % age of food grains.	100	100	100	100	100
% Reduction in Storage Gap	--	--	--	--	64
Percentage of FPS Automation	--	--	--	--	56
% of coverage of eligible households under NFSA against the ceiling of GoI	--	--	--	81	86
Outreach % of SECC households for coverage under PMUY	--	--	--	--	47
Aadhaar Generation against the targeted population	--	--	--	89	97
% Coverage of LPG consumers under PAHAL for DBT	-	-	-	42	88

Performance indicative Chart





Formal Launch of FPS automation by the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration in the presence of Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A & N Islands, Port Blair.



Formal Launch of NFSA by the Hon'ble Minister Shri Ram Vilas Paswan Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India. New Delhi.

**Statement 14.1
Important Indicators of PDS**

Particulars	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
No. of Ration Cards	109346	101079	103826	105613	105827
No. of Fair Price Shops	500	487	507	509	487

Statement 14.2
Fair Price Shops by Management

Category	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Public	2	2	3	3
Private	365	412	439	441
Co- Operative	54	47	31	31
Women	68	12	-	-
Tribal	11	13	34	34
Others	0	1	-	-
Total	500	487	507	509
District-wise 2016-17				
Item	South Andaman	N&M Andaman	Nicobar	Total
Public	-	-	2	2
Private	243	123	16	382
Co-operative	21	8	9	38
Women	34	6	0	40
Tribal	0	0	25	25
Others	0	0	0	0
Total	298	137	52	487

Statement 14.3
District/Tehsil-wise Fair Price Shops, Family Identity Cards,
Godowns/Warehouses with capacity (MT) and Aadhar Card as on 31.3.2017

District/Tehsil-wise	Fair Price Shop	Family Identity Cards			Godown/Ware house		Aadhar Card holders
		APL	BPL	AAY	No.	Capacity	
2016-17							
North & Middle Andaman	137	27289	2395	56	8	2050	3.90 lakhs
Diglipur		10938	846	32	3	1000	
Mayabunder		7024	939	0	2	450	
Rangat		9327	610	24	3	600	
South Andaman	298	60371	4667	1239	12	7660	
Port Blair		43403	1613	207	10	7060	
Ferrargunj		12884	2467	614			
L/Andaman							
Nicobar	52	5239	1813	2758	17	2910	
Car Nicobar		1535	975	1901	4	600	
Nancowrie		2062	507	304	10	1760	
Great Nicobar		1642	331	553	3	550	
A & N Islands	487	92899	8875	4053	37	12620	

Statement 14.4
District/Tehsil wise LPG connection

District/Tehsil –wise	2015-16		2016-17	
	Domestic	Commercial	Domestic	Commercial
N & M Andaman	14341	521	14251	555
Diglipur	5256	-	5956	213
Mayabunder	3455	-	3075	116
Rangat	5630	-	5220	226
S/Andaman	58908	2177	17111	2316
Port Blair	45308	-	2804	1948
Ferrargunj	10400	-	11007	335
Little Andaman	3200	-	3300	33
Nicobar	3643	59	3261	68
Car Nicobar	776	-	1298	16
Nancowrie	1216	-	558	6
Great Nicobar	1651	-	1405	46
A & N Islands	76892	2757	34623	2939