

## **STRENGTHENING OF PDS & CAPACITY BUILDING,QUALITY CONTROL, CONSULTANCIES & RESEARCH**

### **(I) Strengthening of PDS & Capacity Building**

#### **Sub-component of Scheme :**

#### **(i) Financial assistance to States/UTs for generating awareness amongst TPDS beneficiaries about their entitlement and redressal mechanism.**

Under this component of Plan Scheme **on Strengthening of PDS**, financial assistance is given to States/UTs for **generating awareness amongst the TPDS beneficiaries about their entitlement and redressal mechanism. The main objective of this scheme component is to launch an effective, subtle, sustained and intensive awareness campaign, impact of which could reach the urban as well as rural and remote areas.**

The State Government contributes 20% of the expenditure to be incurred on the campaign and balance 80% is borne by the Government of India and released in two installments.

#### **(ii) Financial Assistance to States/UTs for Generating Awareness amongst TPDS beneficiaries in NE region Grant-in-aid :**

The objective of the Scheme is to create awareness amongst TPDS beneficiaries in NE region . The funds are released on receipt of the proposals from the State/UTs Governments.

#### **(iii) Capacity Building:**

##### **(a) PDS – Evaluation, Monitoring & Research:-**

Under the Scheme, to evaluate the impact of the TPDS on the targeted beneficiaries and to plug loopholes in implementation of TPDS, evaluation studies on functioning of TPDS are taken up by the Department.

##### **(b) PDS – Training**

This Scheme aims at strengthening and upgrading the skills of personnel engaged in the functioning and implementation of TPDS by conducting training programmes and organizing lectures, seminars and workshops on policy issues with regard to TPDS and related fields for functionaries of various levels in the State Food and Civil Supplies Department and State Agencies like State Civil Supplies Corporations, Consumer Co-operatives, etc. To make TPDS more effective & efficient, training is also provided to FPS owners, members of NGOs, PRIs, village/city Vigilance Committees and FCI Officials. In order to successfully implement NFSA, 2013, training programmes are also being

organized under the Scheme to sensitize and train key official of the State/UT Governments, FCI, Master Trainers nominated by States/UTs, etc through FCI or other agency.

(Rs. In crore)

Financial Year	Budget Estimate (BE)	Revised Estimate (RE)	Actual Expenditure (AE)
2012-13	2.05	1.55	0.8075
2013-14	2.10	1.1303	0.9474
2014-15	2.50	1.5043	0.8510
2015-16	1.65	1.40	0.5221 (upto Jan., 2016)

## **(II) Consultancies, Training & Research**

Rs. 0.85 crores has been allocated for the Annual Plan 2015-16 for the Scheme.

### **Sub-component of Scheme :**

#### **(i) Consultancies for research/monitoring in domestic/global markets for Foodgrains**

It is a component of the Plan Scheme: Consultancies, Training & Research which is implemented by Policy-I Section of the Department of Food & Public Distribution from 2007. Food Corporation of India (FCI) is entrusted by the Department of Food & Public Distribution to appoint a Consultant in order to have a market intelligence system which could provide regular price alerts and early warnings on possible increases in prices of essential commodities, crucial for policy decisions. This component of the scheme aims to have a market intelligence system which could provide regular market alerts and early warning on likely increase of prices of foodgrains, crucial in formulation of policy measures and interventions for management of food economy. Such market intelligence is also useful in deciding the import-export policy for foodgrains, sugar and edible oils. Reports generated through the study provide periodical price data on wheat, rice, sugar and edible oils.

#### **(ii) e-governance**

Aiming at better and fruitful interaction among employees, citizens and the Department and also with a view to move from paper to electronic systems, the Department is taking keen interest in the implementation of E-Governance projects by using ICT tools like internet to accomplish various government activities.

(Rs. In crore)

Financial Year	Budget Estimate (BE)	Revised Estimate (RE)	Actual Expenditure (AE)
2012-13	1.20	0.72	0.3359
2013-14	0.70	0.3122	0.3029
2014-15	1.50	1.65	1.4277
2015-16	0.85	0.85	0.1799 (upto Jan., 2016)

### (III) Strengthening of Quality Control Mechanism

A New Plan Scheme “Strengthening of Quality Control Mechanism” under S&R division was proposed for 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan which envisages opening of 7 new Quality Control Cells (QCCs), upgradation of laboratory at Indian Grain Storage Management & Research Institute (IGMRI), Hapur and training infrastructure of training at IGMRI, Hapur. The scheme has been operationalised from September, 2013 after the approval of SFC

(Rs. In crore)

Financial Year	Budget Estimate (BE)	Revised Estimate (RE)	Actual Expenditure (AE)
2012-13	1.00	0.00	0.00
2013-14	2.00	1.2823	1.2669
2014-15	5.00	3.50	2.7193
2015-16	5.00	3.50	2.273* (upto Jan., 2016)

\*Including authorization

### (IV) Assistance to States/UTs for Non-Building Assets for State Food Commissions

Government of India has notified the National Food Security Act, 2013 on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 with the objective to provide for food and nutritional security in human life cycle approach, by ensuring access to adequate quantity of quality food at affordable prices to people to live a life with dignity. The Act provides that every State Government shall, by notification, constitute a State Food Commission for the purpose of monitoring and review of implementation of the Act. It has been decided that in case a State decides to set up State Food Commission on exclusive basis, Central Government

will provide one time financial assistance for non building assets for that State Food Commission. Accordingly, a new component viz., “assistance to States/UTs for non-building assets for State Food Commissions” has been included under the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan umbrella scheme of the Department, “Strengthening of PDS & Capacity Building, Quality Control, Consultancies & Research”.

(Rs. In crore)

Financial Year	Budget Estimate (BE)	Revised Estimate (RE)	Actual Expenditure (AE)
2012-13	2.00	0.001	0.00
2013-14	0.002	0.00	0.00
2014-15	1.00	0.20	0.00
2015-16	2.00	0.75	0.00 (upto Jan., 2016)