

END TO END COMPUTERIZATION PROJECT- A NOVEL APPROACH TO KERALA

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ABSTRACT

The Public Distribution System (PDS) is the main plank of India's food management initiatives. The food management aims at procuring food grains from farmers at remunerative prices, distributing food grains to consumers particularly, poor and vulnerable sections of the society at affordable prices and maintaining food buffers for food security and price stability. The public distribution system is an umbrella effort incorporating procurement, movement, stocking and distribution. Kerala had one of the best run and most effective PDS networks in India. Prior to the introduction of targeting, Kerala was the only state in India with near-universal coverage of the PDS. The benefits of the system were equitably spread across income groups in both rural and urban areas. The Civil Supplies Department of Kerala is in a period of Transformation to an IT enabled Public Distribution System under the guidance of National Food Security Act, 2013, in this context the paper attempts to analyse Kerala Civil Supplies Department's new project named End To End Computerization.

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