

## **EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM: A CASE STUDY OF MARANGATTUPILLY PANCHAYAT IN KERALA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

PDS is primarily a social welfare and anti-poverty programme of the Government of India. It provides rational amount of basic food items and other non- food products at below market prices to consumers through a network of fair price shops. PDS is an important planning scheme and greater importance is given to this scheme as heavy expenditure is made on this. The role of PDS cannot be over emphasis as it contributes towards the social welfare of the people. Central Government and State Government have been actively involved in coxswaining the operation for the success of the PDS. It is not possible to neglect the PDS in India, because, majority of the Indian population depend on this system for their living. Now, the most appropriate question is, whether this system is working effectively in ameliorating poverty or not? Whether the TPDS works properly and efficiently as expected without any corruption? Current study is undertaken to answer some of the questions related to the effectiveness and impact of PDS, such as whether the card holders use the PDS effectively or not. Also, whether there are any drawbacks regarding the implementation of the activities of PDS.

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