Chapter II

Review of Literature

Introduction

This chapter includes the review of literature on the concerned topic. In this chapter near about 40 research articles and 10 books are reviewed and made some important conclusions with important comments on the available literature.

Public Distribution system which is popularly known as PDS, is an important and integral part of national demand and supply management of essential commodities.

It is a tool of macro economic management which helps in maintaining equilibrium between demand and supply of essential goods particularly in times of shortages and also helps in arresting inflationary pressure in the economy.

Since PDS is based on the doctrine of “Distributive Social Justice” therefore essential commodities are distributed through it to the specific targeted group of population on a preferential Basis at fair prices.
Review of Literature:

1) **Mrs Indra Kala Bhandari**, Ph.D. from Rajasthan University and Presently Head Department of Economic Administration and Financial Management at J.D.B college Kota, is an experienced teacher with research background. She has keen interest in studying the burning economic problem through empirical approach.

“Public Distribution System” a book published by RBSA Publishers, India is a well equipped collection of case studies on different approach to public Distribution system.

This book thoroughly analyses the PDS in India taking a microscopic view. Various conceptual and operational aspects of PDS in regard to its implementation and monitoring is also discussed and critically analysed in the book.

The book, also highlight the role of central and state government in administering the PDS system.

The book also attempts to analyse how through .The System of Public Distribution it is attempted to help poor and vulnerable sections society from spirallying inflation, Chronic and deep rooted poverty and widespread socio economic inequalities which have been off shoots of market imperfections. ISBN-356-22-872
II) **Prof S.K Misra** of Hindu College, university of Delhi and **Mr V.K.Puri** of Shyam Lal college, university of Delhi are regular writers and have a number of Publications to their credit. The present work “Indian Economy- Its Development Experience” is a attempt to analyse the difficult time from which India is passing especially after the In option of new economic policy.

The present Book encompasses the developmental issues facing the Indian Economy. It is divided into 46 chapters dealing practically with all issues confronting the Indian Economy.

From the utility point of view the book is useful as it contains in the frame work chapters in a population problem” a precise write up on the “strategy of development” capital, Technology and Institutions. It also raises number of issues that are generally glossed over in the traditional Textbooks on Indian Economy.

The present work includes information’s reality to PDS primarily in the last decade from 1989 to 1999. The new parlance in public distribution system in the liberalized economic scenario and the intention of the government to fulfill the targets in time as regards to production and distribution Through PDS.

The Book also including the chapters in the Financing of the plans and investment pattern, Food security, Industrial Development
during planning period, Indian’s Foreign Trade: value composition and direction, India’s Balance of Payment Problem, Trade policy of the government of India. ISBN-81-7493-654-8

III) A.N. Agarwal educated at Allahabad, has been in teaching profession for over four decades. He is the well-known author of several books which have been well received both within the country and abroad.

The London Economist profusely praised his Indian Agricultural and its problem, while Problems of cooperative farming in India Co-Authored with Prof A.M. Khusroo won the government of India Award.

The present book “Indian Economy Problems of Development and Planning” has been published. It is divided into 58 chapters to equip the reader with the analytical tools for understanding the Indian Economy. The first two chapters explain the economic of Development and then several chapters give an overview of present economy, natural resources, human resources, physical capital infrastructure describe the productive capacity of the country.

Sectoral Problems bearing on agriculture Industry services and some chapters are devoted to current problems like price rise, deficits in government budgets, deficits in balance of payments, several aspects of planning, objectives, centralized and decentralized planning.
Food Problem and Public Distribution System is also included in the chapter scheme. Nature of problem quantitative inadequacy, Qualitative deficiency, issues relating to purchasing power of poor, demand factor and supply factor, poverty as a problem. Government’s food policy critical evolution, Public Distribution System-its significance, present position, the major shortcoming and the ways to overcome it are specifically included in the book.

This book is primarily useful to students preparing for the undergraduate courses and candidates of various professional and competitive examinations. ISBN-81-732-0860

IV) Ruddar Dutt, Former Principal school of correspondence courses and continuing education, university of Delhi ,Delhi.

K.P.M. Sundharam , Former senior lecturer in economics department of Economic ,S.R. College of Commerce ,Delhi.

Both prolific writers have several publications to their credit. Indian Economy is one of such publication of Ruddar Dutt/Sundaram which gives an outline of the aspects of Indian Economy hence presenting a new approach to the study of Indian Economy .The book is divided into six parts.
Agriculture in national Economy, the principal topics discussed are productivity trends use and crop pattern, agricultural inputs, the methods and role of land reforms in raising agricultural productivity and providing social Justice. PDS outline and the schemes running under the five year plans are discussed in this part.

Part four and five unfolds an industrial pattern that was inherited and the policy carrying on industrialization is discussed. The problems relating to large scale enterprises and small scale industries their finance and management, problem relating to Indian labour, unemployment, distribution of Indian labour and the extent of Maladjustments in its demand and supply in different sectors is depicted in details.

The Tertiary sector of India economy deals with the problem of transport and communications, the foreign trade of India, its balance of payment position, role of commercial Banks, influence of RBI in developing an organized money market in India is available for reference in the last part of the book.
V) **Dr. P. K. Dhar**, in his book *Indian Economy* of Kalyani publication is extensively covering economic progress and National Agriculture Policy Document National Policy of Procurement of food. Public distribution system and policies in the light of census report are discussed in detailed in all this book proves to be a helping hand for teachers, students and of course researchers doing research on the aspects of Indian Economy. ISBN-81-219-0298-3

VI) **Economic survey Published by Government of India** every year, By Economic Division of Ministry of Finance government of India presents a picture Review of developments in the past one year and its comparative performance for the past decade or so.

   Vigorous growth with strong macroeconomic fundamentals has characterized development in the Indian economy since the beginning of five year plans in India. If the results of the overall macroeconomic fundamentals are evaluated they seem to be reburst, particularly with tangible progress towards fiscal considerations and a strong balance of payments position. The upsurge in investment the outlook is distinctly upbeat.
The economic survey presents a overall picture of performance of economy in key sectors with a comparative study of the past. Right from public finance i.e. central government finances during the respective five year plans, Budgetary developments, Tax Measures finances of state governments, Economic survey includes money and banking developments which in turn includes monetary and credit policy, bank credit, non banking financial companies etc. The position as regards to capital primary, secondary and commodity market;

Prices and food management in fact are the important aspects of the publication reflecting the latest development relating inflation consumer price index, whole sale price index, food management, procurement of food grains for supply in open market and through PDS. The buffer stock to be maintained and its latest position, different schemes of procurement and finally the food subsidy provided by the government as a facilitator state is reflected in the economic survey.

Agriculture is the mainstay of Indian economy and so it needs special place here Agricultural, industry, Infrastructure, Social sector and are well reported in detail. Growth in Agriculture , recent initiatives Agricultural inputs, agricultural credits ,Agricultural Marketing, Highlights of some industries Micro and small enterprises foreign direct investment ,environmental issues, Progress in telecommunication civil Aviation and a
special review of all the infrastructural implemented of central sector projects are covered poverty alleviation and employment generation programmes the report relating to development of Backward classes and the weaker sections of the society is also reported comprehensively in economic survey report published by Ministry of finance.

VII) Reference material available with Magazines, Periodicals, Research Journal etc

1) Economic & Political weekly:-

Sameeksha Trust Publication

Hitkari House, 284 shahid Bhagatsingh Road, Mumbai.

The weekly provides information on issues related to economy and on variety of subject on economic and political front. Mostly the articles are research based providing first hand information. The journal has proved to be a boon to students and researchers in terms of providing information.
2) **Business world**:–

ABP Pvt Ltd

6, Prafulla sarkar street ,Kolkata 700001.

A magazine with a different kind of approach containing information related to business world, Mergers, Acquisition, collaborations, Decisions incorporate world is highlighted with in dept analysis on related issues .

The magazine also highlights the business leaders and their profile. Their responsibilities with case studies involving crucial decisions. **ISSN 0426-5511**

3) **Outlook Weekly**:–

Outlook publishing (India) Pvt Ltd

Ab-10, S.J. Emclave, NewDelhi.

A publication well read in all quarters of the society .As the name suggest ,it provides information right from politcals,to economy, sports, and burning issues National and international front. Articles espically related to Indian economy are present with in dept analysis. **ISSN 0745-632**

4) **India Today**

Living Media India Ltd.

Connought Place, New Delhi. **ISSN 0412-953**
5) **Indian Journal of commerce**

A quarterly publication through managing editor school of management studies, Indira Gandhi National open university, (IGNOU) Madian Garhi,NewDelhi . The publication disseminate Knowledge and information in the areas of trade ,commerce, business and management practices.The journal foresees on theoretical applied and inter disciplinary research in commerce and business studies and management.It provides a forum for debat and deliberations of academics, industrialists and practitioners. The journal has proved to be a informative in the changing scenario at national and international level. **ISSN 0863-4461**

6) **CJMR (Center for Management Research and Development, pune.)**

Biannually journal with extensive articles on Commerce, Management and Economics is a boon to the researchers for presenting there views.  

**ISSN 0973-8401**
7) Agflation and the Public Distribution System by M.H.Suryanarayana

Indra Gandhi Institute of Development Research Mumbai. Article-
Economic and Political Weekly, 3/05/2008 Vol XL1115. The demand for
"universalisation" of the public distribution system during a period of rising
prices is not relevant since more than four-fifths of households in rural
areas and two-thirds in urban centers are already covered by it. Yet, a very
small proportion of rural/urban households actually make purchases of
either rice or wheat from the PDS; an insignificant amount of consumption
is met by ration shop purchases. The pattern is somewhat better for below
the poverty line households with ration cards. What all this shows is that
the issue is not universalisation but improved functioning, greater efficiency
and BPL-friendliness of the PDS.

The Article contains the board issues i.e. Universalisation
of PDS and its implication for procurement & buffer stock. It also
highlighted the importance of stable prices the profile of PDS in India with
a special table on the distribution of household by ration cards, type and
incidence of household poverty in rural and urban areas amongst
SC/ST/OBC and others the reliance on PDS with the targeting of PDS and
its effectiveness. Towards the end the study on the issues that calls for
policy attention and the efforts needed for universalisation of PDS and
revision of food security norms a more BPL friendly system and its efficient
functioning. This article through light on the overall changes required in the PDS and the serious to implement the same depicted.

8) Politics of PDS Anger in West Bengal by Dwaipayan Bhattacharyya, Kumar Rana. (Article) Economic and political Weekly 02-02-2008 VolXLIII5. A combination of factors have been responsible for the incidents in late 2007 involving the public distribution system in West Bengal, While the central policy of Targeted Public Distribution System and decreased / allocations to the state have been primary contributory factors, local level dynamics that have affected the Panchayati Raj system are also of significance. This article tries to combine a field study in rural West Bengal with macro-level analysis to analyse the problem.

The article throughs light on the political parties who are in a habit of giving a twist to the problem and similarly a general overview of the PDS over the years with the target PDS and the criticisms against the target PDS the subsidy which are provided are presented in the exaggerated manner the case of west Bengal and TPDS and also the case of BPL and APL categories is spelt out the price fluctuations as regards the rice and wheat the phenomena at Bengal and national level with the incidents in different parts of Bengal with the elite class has taken the lead in case of the poor section in Bengal it also speaks about the anti-CPIM turn which
the moment took, towards the end of article the authors presented a picture about the social monitoring to start from the Panchyat system which in itself in faulty needs corrections, the article is also caution given to the left parties about the state of affairs going on invisible world and its implications allover India.

The review of literature though had a very big canvas, few important PDS related articles, books, Journals and web site were referred. The fact that India is facilitator state in its efforts have done a lot and continous improvement in different schemes from time to time gave an insight to go for extensive referral. Articles related to PDS in India, and on different states helped in making a study more concentrated towards the objective.

**References:-**


A study of Public Distribution Schemes (P.D.S.)
With Special reference to organisation and working of
Fair price shops in Aurangabad District.


- Economic survey Published by Government of India 2002-2008 Issues.


