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PS-2 - Govt policies and Interventions

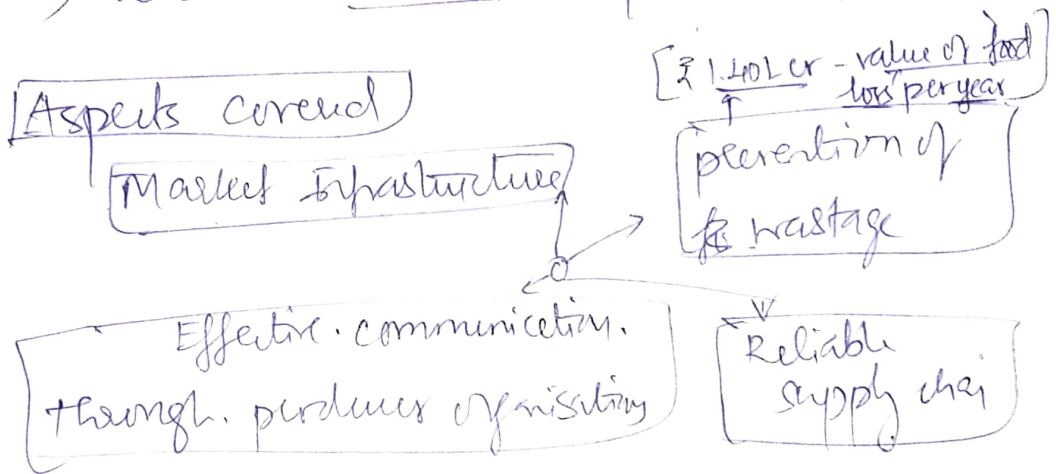
① Discuss how the world's Largest Grain Storage plan in cooperative sector realise the vision of 'Sahakar - Se - Samriddhi'. ^② Examine the challenges in achieving the vision.

Cabinet has recently launched 'world's largest grain storage plan' in cooperative sector; to enhance Food Storage plan and ensure Food Security to all.

World's Largest Grain Storage plan

- 1) Inter ministerial committee (IMC) - chairmanship of Ministry of Cooperatives -
- 2) Convergence of schemes under '3' ministries → Agriculture, Food processing & consumer affairs.
- 3) Additional decentralised storage plan at block level.
- 4) public investments handled by

- cooperative sector with objective to:
- i) strengthen existing market infrastructure
 - ii) ensure remunerative prices to farmers.



concerns

1. Governance → lack of cooperation between centre & states
2. Existing issues → elitist nature, bureaucratic/ political interference, poor marketing.
3. Maintenance → capital expenditure meagre allocation in annual budget.

④. Small & marginal farmers → reduced access to marketing, & remunerative prices

⑤ As present only $1/8^{th}$ capacity for storage → horticulture

Way forward.

① Strengthening existing market infrastructure

② Judicious planning and measure the need for storage.

③ Storage infrastructure for horticulture

④ Going beyond grains & Storage infra for perishables

⑤ Apart from this, modern technology for processing the perishables & others, will not only ensure food security but also nutritional security.