

22. The NFSX could resist beneficiary identification criteria to entail inclusive growth. Explain.

The comptroller and Audit general report on proposed rules and implementation of National food security act reports that most of the states didn't have criteria to identify beneficiaries under priority house hold and Antyda Anna Yojana, the needs to be revisited.

The food security act

The act ensures food and nutrition security to 81 crore people and nearly 1.3 crore people are not utilizing it.

The section 10 of the act mandates the state governments to identify the beneficiaries

Issues in identification

Income criteria - It includes beneficiaries in 15 states and excludes in 25 states for unskilled a person earning ≤ 20,000

per month an annual Bihu is excluded,
certainly earning ≥ 1 lakh a year is delta
is included. This brings exclusion errors
in the beneficiaries.

② Invisible exclusion - depending on only
one of the factors. For example, Maharashtra
excludes based on income, if a vulnerable
section member has disability is excluded.

Course of action

Standardised criteria with definition
of beneficiaries must be given by the
Centre under Section 38 of the Food security
act.

The Conseer officers ministry must
develop terminologies to include priority
households. The census of 2021 must be
conducted to expand the beneficiaries.

The Food security act is aimed
to achieve SDG-3 good health & well
being and Article 47 improve health condition
of people. (8/11)