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Dharmapuri MP Dr. Senthil Kumar in the Floor of Parliament said that the Public Distribution System in TN was introduced by Annadurai. PDS in Tamil Nadu was introduced in 1964 when Bhaktavachalam was CM. DMK came to power only in 1967



Niti Aayog report says TN has PDS since 1964. As always, DMK continues to take credit for every welfare measure implemented in the past. https://t.co/ht8JtE4EE6

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- Rectify the existing imbalances between the supply and demand for consumer goods; Check and prevent hoarding and black marketing in essential commodities;
- Ensure social justice in distribution of basic necessities of life;
- Even out fluctuations in prices and availability of mass consumption goods; and
- Support poverty-alleviation programmes, particularly, rural employment programmes, (SGRY/SGSY/IRDP/ Mid day meals, ICDS, DWCRA, SHGs and Food for Work and educational feeding programmes).

2.4 **PDS in Tamilnadu**

The Government of Tamilnadu is implementing PDS since the year 1964. The scheme Village Shop Programme was introduced by the State with the intention to have one shop for one village in order to feed essential articles to rural public. Subsequently the scheme was converted into PDS with the intention of providing essential commodities to the public both in rural and urban areas at concession rate. Since the introduction of TPDS from 1.6.1997 the universal PDS is in operation in Tamil Nadu with the Antyodaya Anna Yojana and the expanded Antyodaya Anna Yojana schemes. Under the universal PDS there is no discrimination of families on APL and BPL lines based on income.

2.5 **PDS Network**

The unique feature of PDS in this State is Tamilnadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Cooperatives and women SHGs govern the entire network. No private dealer is allowed to run FPS. Also, the Government guidelines show that no family cardholder is to travel more than 2 kms to reach FPS.

Further, Cooperatives have been given an important role in the implementation in PDS. For example, as on 30.03.2004, there were 28132

Farm loans were waived off in 2006- Cooperative societies were not paid back in full as per their commitment to pay back. Only 20% paid back.

Electricity for farmers was introduced in 1984 and properly enacted in 2004.