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Describe food management in India. What are the lacunas of food management? How they can be cured? (250 words)

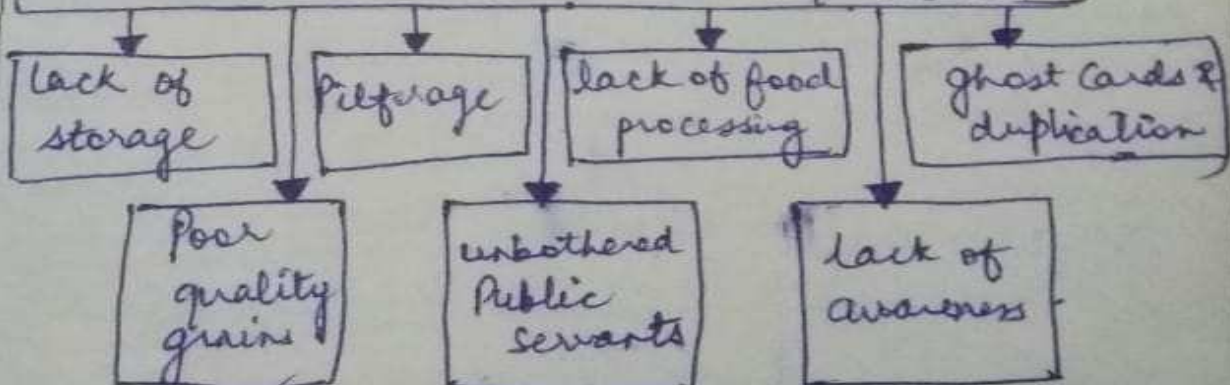
Food management in India includes availability of food grains in the country for the consumers and also taking care of their nutritional requirements.

FOOD MANAGEMENT

- Procurement of food: from the farmers at MSP or procurement price
- Distribution of food: to needy people through PDS.
- Buffer stock: It is maintained for emergency cases.

Food management includes Public distribution shops, storage facilities, processing centres, mega food parks etc. Main aim is to ensure supply of the demanded commodity.

LACUNAS IN FOOD MANAGEMENT



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There are quite a few lacunas and loopholes in food management system, on which the government needs to work. Producers of perishable goods often feel the need of cold storage facility, Pilferage from the PDS shops, one family possessing various cards, Public servants sometimes neglect their duties etc. are the points to deal with.

These can be cured by -

1. efficient working of public servants
2. efficient & effective inspection mechanism needed (surprise visits)
3. policies like one nation one Ration card
4. direct subsidies of food can also be transferred to ~~the~~ accounts of beneficiaries
5. opening more warehouses & cold storage by the govt.

Food management plays an important role in the smooth functioning of the country by ensuring nutrition to all the groups of people at different levels in Our Country.

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