

On one hand food subsidy fight with poverty and on the other it hands its an unnecessary load on Budget. Comment. (150 words)

Food subsidy is given on necessary food items like wheat, rice, coarse grains etc in order to promote proper nutrition, health and fight hunger and poverty. If non-merit goods like food are provided by government at low costs it not only look after the country's welfare but also fulfills the role of a government as a care taker in these fields where it plays an important role.

But, is it always beneficial for a government or a country which is still developing? Developing countries like India spend a lot on giving subsidies to, which may or may not be utilised wisely. Presence of inadequate fair price shops, duplicating cards, bad quality and corruption, not shadow cards etc are make the system more loaded along with burdens of corruption.

Food subsidies should be provided, even with a burden to a public encheques but a clear, transparent and accountable public distribution system is needed which is targeted toward poverty, taking help from newer technologies and schemes like One Nation One Card.

Excellent!