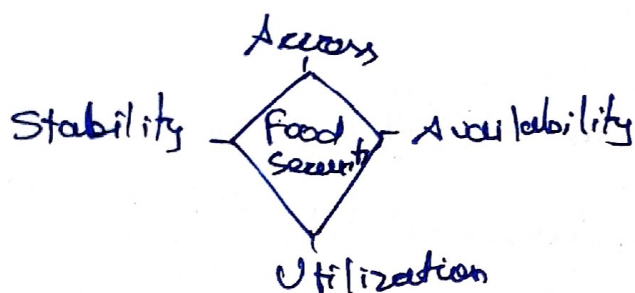


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Ans-2

It is criticized for India to conduct national survey on food insecurity to assess the impact of covid-19 on food security. Explain

India ranked abysmally 100/119 countries in the Global Hunger Index in the serious category. The covid pandemic took a toll on the India's food security programs.



Impact of covid on food security

As per the state of food security and nutrition report (SOFI) 56 crore Indians faced moderate food insecurity during 2019-21. The population facing severe food insecurity increased from 20% in 2018-19 to 22% 2019-21.

The SOFI index measures insecurity via prevalence of undernourishment which is deficiency in calories and prevalence

moderate and severe food insecurity, which measures lack of institutions to assess nutrition insecurity. It increased from 27% in 2014-16 to 40% in 2019-21.

The pandemic along with global economic slowdown reduced the purchasing power of the people.

Need for survey of insecurity

The NSSO consumption survey 2017-18 is yet to be published. A similar survey can be used to identify beneficiaries along with 2021 census data.

This data can be used in NFSA and PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana which can cover beneficiaries outside NFSA.

Future Universalisation of PDS with millet and legislation regarding migrant workers using Article 252 can create breathing space for food insecurity problems in the nation.