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# **Quantity Difference in the Commodities Distributed Under Public Distribution System (PDS) in Rural Kerala**

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**Abstract:** Kerala, one of the southern states in India has a renowned Public Distribution System (PDS). But due to various reasons the effectiveness of Kerala's PDS is in question. As a food deficit state affected by rise in price of essential commodities we cannot dismantle the Public Distribution System (PDS) in Kerala. Thus, the proper functioning of PDS is inevitable in Kerala to ensure regular supply and stabilize the price of essential commodities. Provision of commodities to the beneficiaries accurate as per the entitlement is necessary for ensuring the effectiveness of the PDS. There are so many complaints noticed by beneficiaries regarding quantity difference in the commodities received. Hence the study inquired with the households whether there is any difference in quantity received from the PDS.

### Keywords: Essential Commodities

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