Pithy distribution system

The pithy distribution system (TDS) has long been criticized for its inefficiency and inequity. One more damning piece of evidence for this can be gleaned from an analysis of the National Sample Survey Organisation's (NSSO) three rounds of TDS conducted in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. These surveys show that more than half of the rural population, more than half of the urban population, and more than half of those with access to ration cards do not have access to subsidised commodities. However, the most interesting revelation in the report was the level of corruption found in the distribution system. The report stated that the TDS is riddled with corruption, with officials often enriching themselves at the expense of the poor. The report also highlighted the fact that the system is not only inefficient but also inequitable, with the rich benefiting disproportionately from the system. The report recommended a complete overhaul of the TDS, including the introduction of new technologies and the strengthening of incentives to reduce corruption.