

GS-III Issues related to Direct and Indirect Farm Subsidies and Minimum Support Prices

- 1. Without reform on food subsidy and MSP, Unlocking Resources for Agricultural Growth will be Difficult. Critically Analyze.**

Why this Question?

- Recently, Montek Singh Ahluwalia's book, Backstage: The Story behind India's High Growth Years, was released. It is an account of India's economic reform journey for about 30 years.

Key Demands of Question:

- Explain the issues in the food subsidy and MSP and the need for reform in the same for the agricultural growth.

Directive Word:

Critically Analyze:

- When asked to Analyze, you have to examine methodically the structure or nature of the topic by separating it into component parts and present them as a whole in a summary. When 'critically' is suffixed or prefixed to a directive, one needs to look at the good and bad of the topic and give a fair judgement.
- Whenever it is asking Critically Examine, Critically Comment or Critically Analyse just remember that you have to write both pros and cons and give a fair, unbiased or value loaded judgement. It should always give a closure feeling while examiner reading the Answer.

Structure of Answer:

Introduction:

- Highlight the issues in the food subsidy and MSP in the agricultural sector.

Body:

- Examine in detail about the issues and challenges in the food subsidy and MSP that affects the agricultural growth as well as affects the income of the farmers. For example food subsidy more consumer bias, etc.
- Discuss the need for the reform in the food subsidy and MSP for agricultural growth.
- Highlight some of the way forward measures to address the issue like minimising subsidies, etc.

Conclusion:

- Conclude with how Reforms will help to improve the Agriculture Growth in the Country.