

**PDS Survey 2011
(Village Questionnaire)**

[Investigators: When you reach a sample village, the first thing you should do is an unannounced visit to the local PDS outlet (if the outlet is far from the village, then start the household interviews first). At the PDS outlet, fill Part B of this questionnaire. Part A should be filled in the village at the PDS outlet or elsewhere, preferably based on a group discussion involving knowledgeable persons. Please do not confuse “Gram Panchayat” with “village”. The relevant unit here is the village. If any information is unavailable, insert a clear dash (“—”) in the relevant box.]

Village: / _____ / Gram Panchayat: / _____ /

Block: / _____ / District: / _____ /

Investigator’s name(s): / _____ /

Name of respondent: / _____ / Date: / _____ /

PART A: Village Details		
1.	Number of villages in the Gram Panchayat	/ _____ /
2.	Population of village (approx.)	/ _____ /
3.	Number of households (approx.)	/ _____ /
4.	Number of voters (approx.), if available	/ _____ /
5.	Proportion (%) of Scheduled Castes in population (approx.)	/ _____ /
6.	Proportion (%) of Scheduled Tribes in population (approx.)	/ _____ /
7.	Proportion (%) of landless households (approx.)	/ _____ /
8.	How close (in km) are the following facilities from the village: <i>[Investigator: If the facility is available in the village, please write 0.]</i>	
	(a) Panchayat office	/ _____ /
	(b) Anganwadi	/ _____ /
	(c) Primary school	/ _____ /
	(d). Middle school	/ _____ /
	(e). Public health centre (or sub-centre)	/ _____ /
	(f) All weather road	/ _____ /

	(g) Post office	/_____/
	(h) Bank	/_____/
	(i) PDS shop/outlet	/_____/
	(j) Public telephone (PCO)	/_____/
	(k) Electricity	/_____/
	(l) Computer (any)	/_____/
	(m) Mobile signal	/_____/
	Village/Gram Panchayat Staff	
9.	Does this Gram Panchayat have a Sachiv (secretary)? [1 = Yes; 2 = No; 9 = Unclear]	/_____/
10.	If yes, how many Gram Panchayats is this Sachiv responsible for?	/_____/
11.	How much time has lapsed since the last visit of the following government functionaries to your village? [1=Less than three days; 2 =3-7 days; 3 = 8-14 days; 4 = 15-30 days; 5 = 31-90 days; 6=91-180 days; 7=181-365 days; 8=More than a year; 9 = Unable to tell]	
	Primary School Teacher	/_____/
	Auxillary Nurse and Midwife (ANM)	/_____/
	Anganwadi worker	/_____/
	Panchayat Sachiv (secretary)	/_____/
	Sarpanch	/_____/
	Block Development Officer	/_____/
	District Collector	/_____/
	Other District level functionary	/_____/
	Ration shop dealer	/_____/
	Local MLA	/_____/
	NGO worker	/_____/
	Gram Sabha Meetings [Investigator: The questions below are addressed to the residents of this village.]	
12.	How many Gram Sabha meetings have been held in the past 12 months (i.e.,	

	since the same time last year)? <i>[Investigator: If no meetings have been held, write "0"]</i>	/_____/
13.	Are minutes available for these meetings? <i>[1 = Yes (all meetings); 2 = Yes (some meetings); 3 = No; 9 = Unable to tell; NA not applicable (no meetings)]</i> If no meetings have been held, why not? _____ _____	/_____/
14.	Has it ever happened, during this period, that a Gram Sabha meeting had to be postponed because there was no “quorum”? <i>[1 = Yes; 2 = No; 9 = Unclear]</i>	/_____/
15.	Was the PDS discussed at any of these Gram Sabha meetings? <i>[1 = Yes; 2 = No; 9 = Unclear]</i> If yes, please note details _____ _____	/_____/
	Local Economic Activity	
16.	Is this village served by the following? <i>[1 = Yes; 2 = No; 9 = Unclear]</i> Public transport (buses/trains) Private buses Other private transport (e.g., shared jeeps) Dairy co-operative Grain bank	/_____ /_____ /_____ /_____ /_____
17.	How many of the following does this village have? Tea shop Dhaba Kirana (grocery) shop Mobile phone recharge	/_____ /_____ /_____ /_____

	Paan/gutka shop	/_____/
	Car/motorbike mechanic	/_____/
	Vegetable stall	/_____/
	Flour mill	/_____/
	Liquor shop	/_____/
18.	How far (in km) is the nearest market? <i>[Investigator: Please count weekly markets as a market.]</i>	/_____/
19.	How far (in km) is the nearest grocery store?	/_____/
20.	How much money/time does it take you to reach the Block headquarters from your village?	Rs./_____ Mins/_____/
21.	Investigator: Please note below the unit of measurement for land used locally and the conversion rate into acres. Local unit (e.g., bigha, biswa) /_____/ /_____/	
	Number of local units in one acre /_____/ /_____/	
PART B: The PDS		
	<i>[Investigator: Please answer the following questions after making a surprise visit to the local PDS outlet]</i>	
22.	Who runs the local PDS outlet? <i>[1= Gram Panchayat; 2 = Private dealer; 3 = Women's group; 4 = Self-help group; 5 =Co-operative society (e.g., LAMPS); 6 = Other; 9 = Unclear]</i>	/_____/
23.	Does the PDS outlet involve a salaried manager or employee? <i>[1=Yes; 2= No; 9= Unsure]</i> Investigator: If yes, please note details below. /_____ /_____	/_____/
24.	How many ration cards does this PDS outlet handle? APL BPL Antyodaya Annapoorna Other	/_____ /_____ /_____ /_____ /_____

25.	<p>Investigator: Please note below the monthly entitlements (quantity and price) of BPL card holders.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Price (Rs./kg or Rs./lt)</i></p> <p><i>Rice</i> /_____/ /_____/kg</p> <p><i>Wheat/atta (specify)</i> /_____/ /_____/kg</p> <p><i>Pulses (type 1)</i> /_____/ /_____/kg</p> <p><i>Pulses (type 2)</i> /_____/ /_____/kg</p> <p><i>Oil (type 1)</i> /_____/ /_____/lt</p> <p><i>Oil (type 2)</i> /_____/ /_____/lt</p> <p><i>Kerosene</i> /_____/ /_____/lt</p> <p><i>Sugar</i> /_____/ /_____/kg</p> <p><i>Others (specify clearly below)</i></p> <hr/> <hr/>	
26.	<p>Where is the local PDS outlet located? <i>[1 = Own building; 2 = Gram panchayat office; 3 = Rented space; 4 = Private house; 5= Other (please specify); 9 =Unclear]</i></p>	/_____/
27.	<p>Was the PDS outlet open when you arrived? <i>[1= Yes; 2= No]</i></p>	/_____/
28.	<p>Does the PDS outlet have the following? <i>[1= Yes; 2= No; 9=Unsure]</i></p> <p>an electricity connection /_____/</p> <p>"standard" weights /_____/</p> <p>electronic weighing scales /_____/</p> <p>calculator /_____/</p> <p>a fingerprint reader /_____/</p> <p>smart card readers /_____/</p> <p>information board /_____/</p> <p>receipt/bill book /_____/</p>	
29.	<p>Was the following information displayed outside the PDS outlet? <i>[1= Yes; 2= No; 9=Unsure]</i></p>	

	Days and hours of opening	/_____/
	Contact number of dealer	/_____/
	Helpline/complaint number	/_____/
	Stock of grain	/_____/
	Entitlements (price and quantity) of BPL card holders	/_____/
30.	Were stocks of grain (at least 5 quintals) available in the PDS outlet at the time of your visit? <i>[1= Yes; 2= No; 9=Unsure]</i>	/_____/
31.	Were the registers (sales register and stock register) available for inspection at the time of your visit? <i>[1= Yes; 2= No; 9=Unsure]</i>	/_____/
32.	If yes, was the dealer reluctant to show the registers? <i>[1= Yes; 2= No; NA = Not applicable (no registers)]</i>	/_____/
33.	Does the PDS outlet have clear, legible and complete sales and stock registers? <i>[1 = Yes; 2 = No; 3 = Unclear]</i>	/_____/
34.	Does the dealer have to submit/show his sales register to the Block Supply Office? <i>[1 = Yes; 2 = No; 3 = Unclear]</i>	/_____/
35.	If yes, when is the last time that he had to submit this record? <i>[1 = Within the last 30 days; 2 = Within the last 30-90 days; 3 = More than 90 days ago; 9 = Unclear]</i>	/_____/
36.	Does the dealer have to submit/show his stock register to the Block Supply Office? <i>[1 = Yes; 2 = No; 3 = Unclear]</i>	/_____/
37.	If yes, when is the last time that he had to submit this record? <i>[1 = Within the last 30 days; 2 = Within the last 30-90 days; 3 = More than 90 days ago; 9 = Unclear]</i>	/_____/
38.	Does the ration dealer reside in this Gram Panchayat? <i>[1= Yes; 2= No; 9=Unsure]</i>	/_____/
39.	What is the official commission rate payable to the dealer? <i>[Investigator: If the commission varies by type of ration card, please note the commission for BPL cards in the box. For non-BPL cards, please note commissions at the back of this questionnaire.]</i>	
	Wheat (Rs./quintal)	/_____/
	Rice (Rs./quintal)	/_____/
40.	Has the official commission rate been revised in the past 3 years? <i>[1 = Yes; 2 = No; 3 = Not sure]</i>	/_____/

41.	<p>How many months of commission are due to the dealer? <i>[Investigator: Please enter the number of months in the box. If the dealer is unable to answer, leave the box blank.]</i></p>	/_____/
42.	<p>What is the arrangement for delivery of grain from the local godown to the PDS outlet? <i>[1 = Direct "door-step" delivery; 2 = Contracted "door-step" delivery; 3 = Dealer/manager arranges transport and costs are reimbursed on a flat rate (irrespective of distance); 4 = Dealer/manager arranges transport and costs are reimbursed according to distance; 5 = Transport costs are supposed to be covered by official commission; 6 = Other (please specify); 9 = Unclear]</i></p> <p>/_____/</p> <p>/_____/</p>	/_____/
43.	<p>Does the dealer have any of the following complaints? <i>[1= Yes; 2 = No; 9 = Unclear]</i></p> <p>Commission too low</p> <p>Commission not paid for long time</p> <p>Have to pay bribes to get a license</p> <p>Government functionaries take bribes (e.g., godown manager, inspector, etc.)</p> <p>Transport arrangements are inadequate</p> <p>Inadequate storage and distribution space</p> <p>Crowd management when grain is distributed</p> <p>Pressures to siphon off grain</p> <p>Frequent complaints or pestering from the public</p> <p>Other (please specify)</p> <p>/_____/</p> <p>/_____/</p>	<p>/_____/</p> <p>/_____/</p> <p>/_____/</p> <p>/_____/</p> <p>/_____/</p> <p>/_____/</p> <p>/_____/</p> <p>/_____/</p> <p>/_____/</p> <p>/_____/</p>