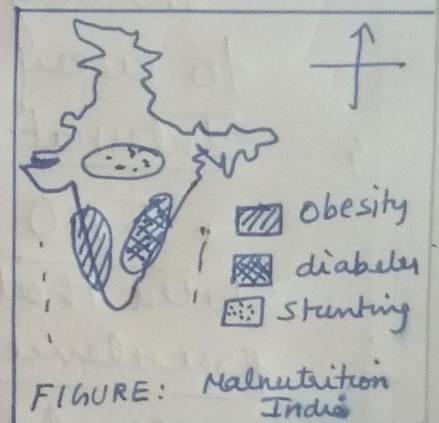


1. Promotion of nutri-cereals by the government is a rational decision that helps in alleviating malnutrition in India. Explain

India is a agricultural development country with more than 50% of population of 130 crore people dependent on agriculture, but still has highest rates of malnutrition in the world.

Malnutrition in India:

1. North India: Major problems are stunting and low nutrition of diet due to poverty and low sanitation.
2. South India: Obesity and life style diseases, wasting are major concerns due to more saturated trans fats and non-balanced nutritional diet:



Nutri-Cereals in India:

1. India tropical country, Kharif and Rabi seasons both harvest nutrition cereals.
2. Bajra, Ragi, jowar production area in India is higher and its production forms the major basket of nutrition apex Ministry of Agriculture.

Promotion of Nutrition Cereals in India:

1. Mid-day meal scheme:

School children given cereals to enhance from their mal-nutrition state to healthy.

2. FSSAI:

Has promoted the sale of nutri-cereals than discouraging packed processed foods.

3. Ministry of Health and family Welfare:

Through PDS, nutrition is ensured to every BPL children and women.

4. International Agencies in India:

• FAO in its recent Nutrition Report stated that India has the highest prevalence of stunting in India.

• World Bank provides funding for cereal meals to BPL in central India.

Overcoming from mal-nutrition:

1. Nutri-cereals thus gave high proportion of balanced diet to rural poor in India.

2. Economy of India is hampered by Mal-nutrition as per Economical Survey 2019.

3. As per Ministry of Agriculture more than 30% of people (BPL) will be out of malnutrition by 2030.

Thus Government harness its potential to overcome Sustainable Development Goal of no malnutrition, poverty, hunger.