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The Food Security Act has revamped the PDS

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What were the key PDS reforms implemented?

- Expansion of PDS coverage to reduce exclusion errors
- Reduction in PDS prices
- Doorstep delivery of foodgrains
- Digitization of records
- Deprivatizing management of PDS outlets

What improvements have been observed in the Public Distribution System (PDS) since 2013?

- Early reforming states like Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha saw dramatic reductions in leakages
- PDS leakages reduced from 41.7% in 2011-12 to 22% in 2022-23
- Proportion of households buying from PDS increased to 70% in 2022-23

What is the current status of PDS coverage under the National Food Security Act (NFSA)?

- NFSA mandates coverage of 66% of the population
- Current coverage falls short at 57-61% of households with NFSA ration cards
- Additional 10% are non-NFSA beneficiaries

What challenges and concerns remain for the PDS?

- Some states with traditionally better PDS have seen increased leakages
- Ongoing "innovations" like cash transfer experiments and biometric authentication may disrupt the system
- Delayed Census is leading to the exclusion of over 100 million people
- Demands for inclusion of more nutritious items like pulses and edible oil remain unaddressed

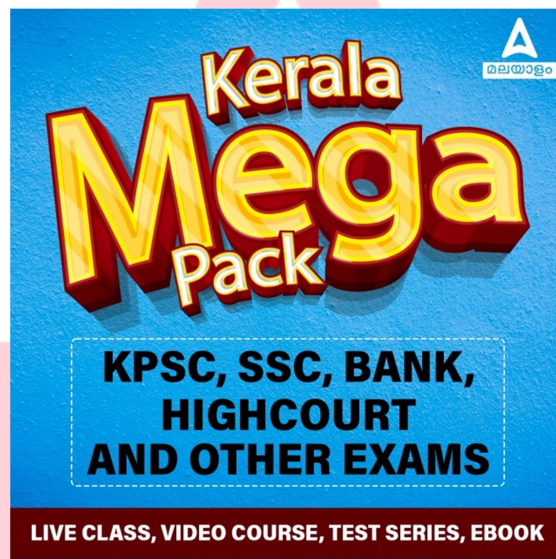
Can you answer the following question?

What are the potential consequences of imposing personal liability on tech executives?

- May push platforms to adopt more encryption and minimize metadata storage
- Could lead to reassessment of risk management strategies
- Might result in platforms negotiating safeguards with governments
- May cause anxiety among social media companies, especially if arrests occur in liberal democracies

Can you answer the following question?

Discuss the potential implications of holding platform owners personally liable for user-generated content and suggest measures to address this complex issue.





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