

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is appointing a consultant to give fertilizer subsidy to the farmers directly,
- (b) if so, the time by which this appointment is likely to be made;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any detailed study in this regard;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (d): The Government is appointing the National Institute of Smart Governance (NISG), Hyderabad as a Consultant for implementation of proof of concept (pilot) study for examining the feasibility of implementation of tracking of fertilizers to the farm gate level and also for examining the feasibility of disbursement of subsidy direct to the retailer (farm gate/ farmers). The proof of concept is proposed to be held in seven states viz. Harayana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Maharashtra in approximately 50-70 blocks. The study is expected to be finished within approximately 18 months to 2 years, including preparation of the DPR, after which the DOF can examine the recommendations and consider the feasibility for implementation of transfer of subsidy under NBS directly to farmers.