

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2281

ANSWERED ON:12.08.2011

DIRECT TRANSFER OF SUBSIDY

Jindal Shri Naveen;Kishor Shri Kamal ;Krishnaswamy Shri M.;Mahato Shri Narahari;Roy Shri Nripendra Nath;Singh Shri Rakesh;Sukur Shri Jadhav Baliram;Tandon Annu

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to start pilot project for direct transfer of cash subsidy to the target groups;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the burden of subsidy is likely to be reduced as a result thereof;
- (d) the names of the States selected for starting the pilot project; and
- (e) the time by which the said pilot project is likely to be initiated?

Answer

Minister of State in Ministry of Finance(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) &(b) The Government is considering a proposal for direct transfer of cash subsidy on PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG on a pilot basis to the intendeu beneficiaries. Government has constituted a Task Force in February, 2011 under the chairmanship of Sh. Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to recommend and implement a solution for direct transfer of subsidies on PDS Kerosene and domestic LPG to the intended beneficiaries. The Task Force has submitted its Interim Report to the Government on 05.07.2011. The final report is yet to be received.

(c) No estimates are available in this regard at present.

(d)&(e) In respect of domestic LPG, Pilot Projects are to be launched at Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) and Mysore (Karnataka) by September, 2011. Pilots for Kerosene are to be launched based on Aadhar coverage by December, 2011 in consultation with concerned State Governments.