

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
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CASH TRANSFER SCHEME

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce direct cash transfer of subsidies in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had conducted pilot projects of the scheme in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING(SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. There is a proposal to shift to a system of Aadhaar enabled direct cash transfer for government subsidies and benefits to promote greater transparency in the implementation of government schemes.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. In order to assess the feasibility and desirability of direct cash transfers of subsidies, some of the Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments have initiated pilot projects inter alia:-

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has undertaken pilot project for direct transfer of subsidy for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in Mysore, Karnataka and Kerosene in Kotkasim Tehsil of Alwar District, Rajasthan. The Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department of Andhra Pradesh has initiated direct transfer of food subsidy in East Godavari District to curb leakages in the Public Distribution System.