

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Pilot Project on Cash Transfer of Subsidies
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to implement a pilot project for replacing subsidies with cash transfer for cooking gas, PDS commodities etc. to the beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, the details and its likely benefits thereof; and
- (c) the time likely to be taken for implementation of the same?

Answer

SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA Minister of State in Ministry of Finance

(a), (b) &(c) Yes Sir. To ensure greater efficiency, cost effectiveness and better delivery for kerosene, Domestic LPG and fertilisers, the Government has decided to move towards direct transfer of cash subsidy to people living below poverty line in a phased manner. The Government has launched pilot projects in Alwar, Rajasthan and Mysore, Karnataka in respect of direct transfer of cash subsidy for Kerosene and Domestic LPG, respectively.