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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the huge subsidy burden on the exchequer;
- (b) if so, details of subsidy disbursed by the Government, Ministry-wise, scheme-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to curb/regulate the subsidy?

Answer

Minister of State for Finance (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a)& (b): The information is as under:

	Actuals 2012-13	Actuals 2013-14	Revised 2014-15	Budget 2015-16
Subsidies	257079	254632	266692	243811
Food	85000	92000	122676	124419
Fertilizers	65613	67339	70967	72969
Petroleum	96880	85378	60270	30000
Interest	7270	8137	11147	14903
other	2316	1778	1632	1520

(Source: Statement No. 4, Exp. Bud. Vol. I for the year 2014-15 & 2015-16)

(c) : Government has deregulated the petrol and diesel prices, and has also launched a new universal Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme for LPG from 1st January, 2015 onwards which covers both Aadhaar card and non-Aadhaar card holders in which the subsidy will be transferred directly into the bank accounts of cash-transfer- compliant customers in a manner that will avoid duplication and prevent leakages. The Government has also launched a dedicated scheme for end-to-end computerization of Public Distribution System throughout the country. 11 states have already joined the National Food Security Act (NFSA) framework, and as the required systems are in place, the other states will follow suit. The Government has simultaneously launched a drive to ensure universal coverage of Aadhaar throughout the country. End-to-end computerization, combined with universal Aadhaar coverage will help improve the targeting efficiency of PDS system in the country.