

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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FISCAL DEFICIT AND SUBSIDY PAYMENT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of fiscal deficit of the country for the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) if so, the commodity-wise details of subsidies being given during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government shifted to a system of cash transfer to the account of beneficiaries in place of existing system of payment of subsidies and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the time by which such shift is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): The details of fiscal deficit for the last three years, and estimated for the current year, along with reasons are given below:

(in crores of rupees)

2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Reasons for fiscal deficit
(Actuals)	(Actuals)	(Provisional)	(B.E.)	
5,16,269	4,90,190	5,08,149	5,31,177	Higher Government expenditure in
(5.8% of GDP)	(4.9% of GDP)	(4.5% of GDP)	(4.1% of GDP)	comparison to total receipts is the
				main reason for fiscal deficit.

(b): Commodity-wise details of subsidies given during the last three years are as under:

(in crores of rupees)

Details of Subsidy	2011-12 (Actuals)	2012-13 (Actuals)	2013-14 (R.E.)
Fertiliser Subsidy	70012.70	65612.81	67971.50
Food Subsidy	72822.07	85000.00	92000.00
Petroleum Subsidy	68484.01	96879.87	85480.00
Interest Subsidies	5049.45	7270.37	8174.85
Other Subsidies	1572.87	2315.55	1889.90
Total	217941.10	257078.60	255516.25

(c) & (d): Direct Benefit Transfer on LPG (DBTL) was rolled out with effect from 1st June, 2013 in 291 districts in phased manner, wherein disbursement of subsidy in cash was being transferred to Aadhaar seeded bank accounts of LPG consumers. DBTL has been put on hold since 28.2.2014 and Government had formed a Committee to look into the grievances of LPG consumers with regard to DBTL.