

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5233  
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DECLINE IN SUBSIDY BURDEN  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the subsidy burden, commodity-wise during the last three years;
- (b) whether it has shown a declining trend, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and ;
- (c) the details of revenue generated/likely to be generated by the Government from auction of spectrum and disinvestment of Public Sector companies and its role in the reigning in the fiscal deficit during the current financial year ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

- (a) the details of outgo on account of major subsidies, commodity-wise, during the last three years are as under:

(in crores of rupees)

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Details of Subsidy (Actuals) (Actuals) (R.E.)			
Fertilizer Subsidy	65612.81	67338.77	70967.31
Food Subsidy	85000.00	92000.00	122675.81
Petroleum Subsidy	96879.87	85378.16	60270.00
Interest Subsidies	7270.37	8137.19	11147.17
Other Subsidies	2315.55	1777.72	1631.55
Total	257078.60	254631.84	266691.84

- (b) Subsidy as percentage of GDP has shown a reasonable decline in last three years. However, subsidy outgo for any year depends on various factors such as international crude price, minimum support price and difference between production cost and concessional price of domestic urea, etc. Accordingly, subsidy outgo on petroleum came down in 2014-15 due to softening of crude prices but increased on food and fertilizer to support farm operations and food security to under privileged.

- (c) Auction of spectrum – The upfront amount of 10791.08 crore has been received on 31.3.2014 and total upfront amount of ` 32377.85 crore (including the amount received on 31.03.2014) has been received on 09.04.2015 from Spectrum Auction of 2100/1800/900 /800 MHz bands conducted during March, 2015. Provision for Budget Estimates (2015-16) is estimated at ` 17455.83 crore.

Disinvestment of Public Sector companies – The provision in Budget Estimates (2015-16) for disinvestment of Public Sector companies is `69,500 crore. This includes ` 41,000 crore of disinvestment receipts and ` 28,500 crore from strategic disinvestment.

The revenue generated through auction of spectrum and disinvestment of Public Sector companies is expected to contribute in containing the fiscal deficit within 4.1% of GDP.