

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6617**

To be answered on Friday, April 6, 2018/ Chaitra 16, 1940 (Saka)

UNPAID SUBSIDY CLAIMS

6617. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- a) whether unpaid subsidy claim of Rs.1 lakh crore is likely to increase future liability of the Government, if so, the details thereof; (b) whether these unpaid subsidies are not accounted in the union finance account resulting in grave fiscal implications and impacting future policy decisions and if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether the subsidies bill in 2016-17 was the lowest in the last five years and if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether there has been reduction in subsidies from Rs. 2.57 lakh crore in 2012-13 to Rs. 2.33 lakh crores in 2016-17; and
- e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
(SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN)**

(a) to (e): Government accounts are prepared on cash basis of accounting and not on accrual accounting. Amount of subsidy as per Union Budget in any year also includes payment of subsidy for previous year/ years. Detail of subsidy as per Expenditure Budget in different years is as below:

In Rs. Crore						
Year	Total Subsidies	Food	Fertilizer	Petroleum	Interest Subsidies	Other Subsidies
2012-13	2,57,079	85,000	65,613	96,880	7,270	2,316
2013-14	2,54,632	92,000	67,339	85,378	8,137	1,778
2014-15	2,58,258	1,17,671	71,076	60,269	7,632	1,610
2015-16	2,64,106	1,39,419	72,415	29,999	16,730	5,542
2016-17	2,34,809	1,10,173	66,313	27,539	12,896	405
2017-18 RE	2,64,125	1,40,282	64,974	24,460	9,364	225
2018-19 BE	2,92,825	1,69,323	70,080	24,933	7,572	.01*

*The provision is for clearing past liabilities, if any.