

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3474 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 10.08.2021

DBT Scheme

3474. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any Chintan Shivir Working Group on Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to farmers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Direct Cash Transfer (DCT) to farmers has been under consideration at various forums of the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken a final decision for the implementation of direct cash transfer of fertilizer subsidy to farmers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the funds allocated in the year 2021-22 over and above the amount budgeted for the year for fertilizer subsidy?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(**SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA**)

(a): Yes, Sir. Department of Fertilizers constituted Working Group for Chintan Shivir for Direct Benefit Transfer to farmer (Direct Fertilizer Subsidy transfer to farmers account instead of an industry) under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers. The Working Group-V was tasked to examine the feasibility of introducing a direct fertilizer subsidy transfer to farmers, suggest methods to safeguard against huge price rise and Unavailability of fertilizers, criteria of selection of farmers and their entitlement, criteria for determining the amount of subsidy to be transferred to farmers' accounts, periodicity of subsidy transfer, any method to safeguard against negative effect on fertilizer industry and actual mechanism of fund transfer.

(b): Vide notification dated 04.05.2020, Department of Fertilizers has constituted Working Group for Chintan Shivir for Direct Benefit Transfer to farmer (Direct Fertilizer Subsidy to farmers account instead of an industry) under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): An additional amount of Rs 14,775 Cr has been announced as subsidy for DAP & NPK fertilisers under NBS scheme upto 31.10.2021 for the year 2021-22 over and above the amount budgeted for the year for fertilizer subsidy.