

Government of India
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Department of Economic Affairs

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2602

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025/PHALGUNA 26, 1946 (SAKA)

REDUCTION IN SUBSIDIES FOR ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

2602. Mr Pathan Yusuf:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the recent budget proposes a reduction in subsidies for essential commodities including Rs. 3400 crore cut in fertilizer subsidies and Rs. 2600 crore cut in petroleum subsidies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which the Government plan to mitigate the impact of such reduction on low-income households who rely heavily on these subsidies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a) No sir. The Budget Estimates for FY 2025-26 when compared to the Budget Estimates for FY 2024-25 do not entail a cut of Rs. 3,400 crore in fertiliser subsidies and Rs. 2,600 crore in petroleum subsidies.
- (b) to (d) Does not arise in light of part (a).
