

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3853  
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DIVERTING FARM SUBSIDIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government is contemplating to divert farm subsidies for infrastructure development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has examined the adverse consequences of this move on farmers;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the interest of the farmers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): There is no specific proposal under consideration of the Planning Commission at present to divert farm subsidies for infrastructure development. The Planning Commission in the mid term appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan, has, however, emphasized the need for infrastructure development in rural areas.

(c), (d) & (e) : The questions do not arise.