

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:654  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has appointed an expert group to prepare a road map for better targetting of subsidies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the recommendations received on subsidies from this expert group;
- (c) whether this expert group has recommend for scrapping subsidies on kerosene; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): In pursuance of the announcement made in the Budget for 2004-05 presented to Parliament on July 8, 2004, the Government has asked the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) to prepare a blueprint for targeting the subsidies at the poor and the needy. The NIPFP is expected to submit its full report shortly.