

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1027
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Direct Benefit Transfers Package**

1027. SMT. VANDANA CHAVAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to release an economic stimulus package in the form of Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT) in the coming months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government plans to finance DBT package via market borrowings and direct monetisation by RBI;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government plans to utilise infrastructure such as Jan Dhan accounts to enable DBT;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) steps Government is taking to provide direct aid to low-income households who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)**

(a)to(d): No economic stimulus package in the form of Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT) has been planned.

(e) & (f): Jan Dhan Accounts are already being used for DBT.

(g): The Government has launched ₹1.70 lakh crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for the poor to help them fight the COVID-19 pandemic. This package includes insurance scheme for health workers, PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana providing free foodgrains and pulses, provisioning of gas cylinders, cash transfers to women account holders, increase in MGNREGA wage to ₹202 a day etc. Under the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Government increased the allocation for MGNREGA & PM-Awaas Yojana and has launched Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana to incentivize job creation. ₹10,000 crore additional outlay was provided for PM Garib Kalyan Rozgar Yojana to provide rural employment. PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana has now been extended till March, 2022 for providing foodgrains @ 5 kg per person free of cost for all the beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).
