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## [In a first, UP govt links seed subsidy to Direct Benefit Transfer scheme](#)

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[#Lucknow](#) [#Uttar Pradesh](#) Uttar Pradesh government has linked the subsidy available to farmers on certified seeds to the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme—a first-of-its-kind move by any state government in the country.

The facility means that the subsidy amount will now be transferred directly to the registered farmers' bank accounts through the RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement).

A government order (GO), in this regard, was issued earlier this week according to which, the new scheme would come into effect from the Rabi season 2015-16.

“The move will benefit farmers in a long way. Now, they will not depend on anyone for the subsidy because it will automatically be transferred to their bank accounts after they purchase certified seeds from an authorised agency,” an official said.



Officials also claimed that no other state in the country had so far linked the certified seeds subsidy to the DBT on such a large scale. They said that move would bring about transparency in the seed distribution, apart from benefiting the farmers.

“The subsidy amount will be transferred to the buyer’s account after he pays the full cost fixed by UP Seed Corporation,”

Pertinently, the state government paid Rs 200 crore subsidy on the certified seeds of wheat in the last Rabi season. The agriculture department has launched a campaign from August 19 to enable farmers to register themselves with the department so that the facility is availed.