



# Integrated E-Bill System for Fertiliser Subsidies

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**News Context:** On January 1, 2026, the Union Government launched a digital platform to process an annual subsidy outlay of **?2 lakh crore**.

## Operational Architecture & Reforms

- **System-to-System Workflow:** The platform integrates the **Integrated Financial Management System (iFMS)** with the **Public Financial Management System (PFMS)**. It eliminates physical bill movement between companies (like IFFCO/KRIBHCO) and the Ministry.
- **FIFO (First-In-First-Out) Logic:** Automated processing ensures that bills are handled chronologically, removing "administrative discretion" and reducing delays that previously stressed the working capital of fertilizer companies.
- **Transparency & Auditability:** Every transaction creates a **Tamper-proof Digital Trail**, preventing the diversion of subsidized urea for industrial purposes (e.g., in the plywood or milk adulteration industry).