

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3276
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SECURITY DEPOSITS WITH SUPER BAZAR AND NCCF
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

to the answer given to Unstarred Question No.3608 dated December 23, 1999 and state

- (a) whether the Super Bazar, Delhi and NCCF are using the security deposits collected interest free from the suppliers for their day-to-day business activities;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) if not, the manner in which this security money is being used;
- (d) the total amount collected by each of the Super Bazar and the NCCF from the suppliers during the last three years and the amount pending with them as on date; and
- (e) the steps being taken to ensure that the `Security deposits` so collected is not misused?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREEI PRASAD)

(a) to (e): The Super Bazar, Delhi and the NCCF are autonomous cooperative organizations having their own Board of Directors to decide about their business and other matters related to day to day functioning. Both the organizations have informed that they collect Rs.10,000/- as security deposit from the suppliers as one time registration fee for appointing them as authorized suppliers. No interest is paid on the said `security deposit` as it is intended to bind the suppliers under contractual obligations like timely replacement of the substandard and soiled stocks, commitment to replenish the stocks, as and when needed by these organizations, etc. The NCCF and the Super Bazar have further informed that the Directorate General of Investigation and Registration (DGIR) and the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTPC) in the Department of Company Affairs had received complaint on the subject and the Department of Company Affairs has sought certain information/ clarifications in the matter from these organizations.