

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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SEMINAR IN IIT DELHI
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether KVIC organised a Seminar in January, 2002 in Delhi wherein Natural Herbal and Organic foodgrains, Dal, Spices etc. were launched;
- (b) if so, the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (c) whether the price of the said items even after 30% rebate would be higher to the items grown in the traditional manner;
- (d) whether KVIC propose to buy the said foodgrains, Dal, Spices etc. from a particular firm based in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

- (a): No, Sir. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) did not organise any seminar at Delhi on organic foods in January, 2002. However, officials of KVIC participated in a seminar which was organized by IIT, New Delhi on 14th January 2002, at New Delhi for natural herbal and organic foodgrains, Dal, spices etc. to create awareness and popularise organic foods. The Pilot Sale Programme of organic foods was launched at Khadi Gramodyog Bhawan, New Delhi on 14th January, 2002.
- (b): The KVIC has not sanctioned any funds for organization of this seminar.
- (c): There is no rebate on sale of village industries products (except polyvastra cloth) including natural herbal and organic foodgrains, dal, spices etc. The prices of organic foodgrains, dal, spices etc. are usually higher compared to the normal foodgrains, dal and spices.
- (d) & (e): The KVIC does not propose to buy the said fodgrains etc. from a particular firm of Uttar Pradesh. However, KVIC has procured such products from four different producers. Out of them two are from New Delhi, one from Bastar (Chattisgarh) and one from Bijnor (Uttanchal) and they have been selected, keeping in view the quality of their products.