

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7685  
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2000  
PROCUREMENT OF NIAER BY TRIFED  
ANADI CHARAN SAHU

**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the TRIFED has stopped procurement of NIAER form the tribals;
- (b) if so, whether the tribals are able to get adequate price for the NIAER from buyers in the open market; and
- (c) whether the Government have fixed the minimum price of NIAER?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JUAL ORAM)

- (a) There is no such item as NIAER being procured by TRIFED.However, TRIFEDhas not stopped procurement of NIGER form the tribals.
- (b) During the crop year 1999-2000 tribals were able to get adequate prices for the Niger Seed form buyers in the open market. The ruling prices were much higher then the support prices of Rs. 9,150.00 per metric tonne declared by Government of India. TRIFED has procured at the price ranging from Rs. 14,500.00 to 17,000.00 per metric tonne.
- (c) Yes, Govt. of India has fixed minimum support price of Rs. 9150.00 per metric tonne for Niger Seed during 1999-2000.