

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the registration of suppliers pertaining to consumer, grocery division and stationery items has been reviewed;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of applications received for registration of suppliers from suppliers/ manufacturers;
- (d) whether the Government has received complaints regarding poor quality of pulses, rice and atta etc. and high prices than the market; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS.(SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

- (a) & (b): While considering the review of registration of suppliers, the necessity of taking a more holistic view was felt and accordingly the procedure for procurement was also reviewed and a new purchase policy, 2003 was approved by the Board of Kendriya Bhandar with a view to get maximum price advantage and ensure quality of goods.
- (c); Kendriya Bhandar has received 850 applications for registration of manufacturers/distributors in respect of Consumer, Grocery & Stationery items.
- (d) & (e): For the Pulses and Rice procured in Kendriya Bhandar, samples are drawn and tested in an International Standard Laboratory and thereafter distributed to the stores for sale. In case of Chakki Wheat Atta, being Agmark product, random samples are drawn for lab testing from time to time from the lots supplied by Flour Mills in order to ensure quality. Kendriya Bhandar has been selling products at rates lower than the MRP. Kendriya Bhandar has received a few complaints which are attended to on priority and corrective action is taken wherever required. Kendriya Bhandar constantly endeavours to improve the quality of Pulses, Rice and Atta and also ensure that the prices are competitive.