

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT BY DRDO THROUGH NCCF/KENDRIYA BHANDAR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is not mandatory upon DRDO and other Defence units to route their purchases through NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar because of the poor quality of products supplied by them and the cost being higher than the open market;
- (b) if so, the items whose quality have been found poor and rates higher than the open market;
- (c) whether MES is not purchasing stationery and other items from NCCF;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures taken to direct all Defence establishments in Delhi to purchase their items from NCCF only?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) As per the instructions of Department of Personnel & Training, Central Government Departments, and organizations, financed and/or controlled by the Government, located at Delhi/New Delhi are to make all local purchases of stationery and other items required by them from NCCF, Kendriya Bhandar and Super Bazar. In case these agencies are not able to supply a particular item, local purchases can be made from other sources. These instructions are not mandatory for Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO). However, DRDO generally resorts to purchase of items through NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar.
- (b) No such survey has been done by the Defence establishments.
- (c) MES is purchasing stationery and other items from NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar as per availability of items and location of NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar at the particular station, after issue of tenders and consequent comparison of rates.
- (d) Question does not arise.
- (e) Items are already being procured by Defence establishments in Delhi from NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar.