

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

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SCHEMES TO ENCOURAGE THRIFT BY KENDRIYA BHANDAR
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kendriya Bhandar has formulated any scheme to encourage thrift, self- help and co-operation amongst members;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Kendriya Bhandar has allowed vendors to supply goods directly to stores against the purchase policy of the Government;
- (d) whether Kendriya Bhandar has organized any educational courses for its members as provided under section 27 of the MSCS Act, 2002; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b): The employees of Kendriya Bhandar who are also members of the Society have formed a Credit and Thrift Society for the mutual benefit of the members. The objects of the Society are to promote the economic interest of the members by creation of funds to be lent to its members for necessary purposes; to undertake welfare activities particularly for the members and employees for the promotion of their moral, educational and physical improvements; and to undertake other measures designed to encourage in the members the spirit and practice of thrift, self help and mutual help etc.

(c): Kendriya Bhandar is following the Purchase Policy adopted by it with the approval of the Kendriya Bhandar Board. Due to constraints of infrastructure relating to large accommodation required for godown and transport facility for supplying goods from the godown to stores, some goods are also obtained from the registered suppliers who supply the goods directly to the Stores in accordance with the Purchase Policy.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): The Kendriya Bhandar had organized the education/training courses in the following areas:

- (i) Customer interaction
- (ii) Merchandising
- (iii) Communication skills.