

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

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PROCUREMENT POLICY OF KENDRIYA BHANDAR
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives of allowing Kendriya Bhandar functioning under the aegis of his Ministry;
- (b) the number of Kendriya Bhandar stores and their turnover during the last two years and the current year, especially in the National Capital Territory, Delhi;
- (c) the procurement policy of the cooperative store of Kendriya Bhandar;
- (d) whether procurement is allowed from the small industries registered with National Small Industries Cooperation (NSIC) Ltd.; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): The subject matter relating to welfare of Government employees has been allocated to the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. Kendriya Bhandar has been set up as a welfare measure for Government employees by way of supplying essential commodities such as food grains and other household items of quality at competitive and fair prices.

(b): The details of retail stores of Kendriya Bhandar in National Capital Territory, Delhi and outside Delhi as on 1st August, 2011 and their turnover during last two years and current year are given as under:

Location 2008-09

Number of Stores Sales (Rs./Lacs)

Delhi 84 12922.25

Regions (outside Delhi) 24 1310.24

Total 108 14232.49

Location 2009-10

Number of Stores Sales (Rs./Lacs)

Delhi 85 17271.86

Regions (outside Delhi) 25 1600.30

Total 110 18872.16

Location 2010-11

Number of Stores Sales (Rs./Lacs)

Delhi 88# 20285.81

Regions (outside Delhi) 26 1877.30

Total 114# 22163.11

This includes two stores opened after 31st March, 2011.

(c): In terms of its procurement policy, items are generally procured by Kendriya Bhandar from manufacturers or their authorized distributors at rates applicable to bulk purchasers. In order to provide choice to the consumers and also for ensuring healthy competition amongst the suppliers, multiple brands in various product categories are simultaneously purchased. Grocery items like pulses, rice and spices to be sold in Kendriya Bhandar packing are purchased as per laid down specifications through periodic tenders from registered suppliers.

(d) & (e): There is no restriction for procurement of items from small industries registered under the National Small Industries Cooperation (NSIC) Ltd. in the purchase policy of Kendriya Bhandar. Details of such items purchased by Kendriya Bhandar are not being maintained separately.