

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

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SELLING ITEMS AT HIGHER PRICE
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kendriya Bhandar has conducted any study to ascertain as to whether the rates of items sold by it are higher than the rates available in the open markets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether as per the purchase policy 2003, market survey is carried out before introduction of new items;
- (d) if so, the reasons of Kendriya Bhandar rates still being higher and the action taken against the purchase committees;
- (e) whether complaints have been received from MPs in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the nature of the complaints and the action taken thereon so far?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office.
(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) & (b): Yes Madam, Kendriya Bhandar carries out market surveys periodically to ascertain reasonability of rates and keep the prices generally lower than the market rate.
- (c): Yes Madam, generally market survey is carried out to ascertain reasonability of rates before introduction of new items in Kendriya Bhandar.
- (d): Kendriya Bhandar's selling prices are generally lower than or equal to market price. At times there could be some items wherein Kendriya Bhandar prices may be higher than open market due to fluctuation in the market and variation in prices from batch to batch of items sold during fluctuations.
- (e) & (f): Some references relating to charging higher prices by Kendriya Bhandar have been received from Members of Parliament. All such references are appropriately attended to.