

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4629

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SELLING OF TRIFED

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether products being sold in the sale centres of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) are not purchased directly from the tribals but from the middlemen thereby tribals are not getting the market price of their products;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to purchase these products directly from the tribals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT. RANEE NARAH)

(a): TRIFED sources the Metal Craft from Jagdalpur (Chhattisgarh); Paintings from Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra and Gujarat and Jewellery from the Northeast States, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh which are being sourced directly from individual tribal artisans and tribal SHGs. The remaining products are being sourced from tribal SHGs, State Government Organisations/ Agencies and reputed NGOs working with tribals. The suppliers are empanelled with TRIFED as per the guidelines for empanelment of suppliers which has been put in public domain through its web-site.

(b) to (e): Does not arise in view of (a) above.