



Government assistance to women/women entrepreneurs for production and sale of organic products

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The Ministry of Women and Child Development has been organizing Women of India Festivals at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi to promote sale of organic products manufactured and produced by women/women entrepreneurs. This year also the Ministry of Women and Child Development has organized Women of India Festival-2017 at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi from 1st to 15th October, 2017. The theme of the Festival was “Organic Products by Women” and aimed to showcase, support and encourage women farmers/entrepreneurs in India, especially from rural areas. Participants across the country came together with their very vast range of organic products, such as cereals, rice, pulses, spices, pickles, preserves, oils, honey, tea, coffee, organic seeds, jams, chutneys, wild edible forest products, organic cotton fabric linen, water hyacinth craft, cow dung air purifier, jute craft and other bio products.

Apart from this, Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK), a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 under the Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) and an apex micro-finance organization provides micro-credit at concessional rate of interest to women Self Help Groups or individual women (the ultimate beneficiaries) through Intermediary Micro-financing Organizations (IMOs) /Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/ Voluntary Organisations (VOs) for various livelihood support and income generating activities. RMK also provides loan assistance for crop cultivation using SHG member which may include organic farming and sale of its products.

This information was given by Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Dr. Virendra Kumar in reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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