

2. We visited National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) in the afternoon. This is the organization that registers import contracts. Members of NAFED include State cooperatives, district cooperatives and municipal cooperatives. Total membership is 400+. NAFED also enters the market to drive prices up if they fall below the support price. NAFED is interested in both exporting and importing. The organization deals with numerous fruits, grains, spices etc. and is involved in processing facilities for canned fruits, juices, vegetables, and other processed products.

DAY 3 New delhi

Day 3 of the program was cancelled due to security concerns in New Delhi.

DAY 4 New Delhi

1. Newspapers quote daily wholesale and retail prices of all pulse products, whole grain and dhal.

We visited retail establishments that sell pulses in dry packs of 1 kg and other processed pulses. Prices at the Khendriya Bazar (chain market outlet for government employees) were:

Decorticated red lentil	9.6 rupees per kilo
American dry green peas	16.7
Split pigeon pea	13.6
Whole red lentil	9.2
Split desi chickpea	12.1
Whole desi chickpea	11.5
Whole kabuli chickpea	14.1

Super Bazar

American dry green peas	19.65 (poorer quality than Khendriya)
Split desi chickpea	13.45
Decorticated red lentil	10.85
Fresh green chickpeas	22.00
Fresh frozen green peas	22.50

At Super Bazar, canned white kidney beans in tomato sauce, canned "fresh" green peas (?) were available as well as a variety of pulse based snack foods. Pakoras (deep fried pulse based fritters) were sold as street snacks all over Delhi. At the hotel, the menu featured the "Old Time Favourite", a lentil burger which was a deep fried patty filled with lentil, potato, onion and spices. Delicious.