

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

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SUB-STANDARD STATIONARY
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that `poor stationery obliterating records` as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated February 16,2001;
- (b) if so, whether the use of substandard stationery in Government departments is a matter of concern;
- (c) whether the officials of the National Archives have urged the Government departments to use only ISI approved paper and ink;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING ~~DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE~~ IN THE MINISTRY ~~PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS~~ (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e):As reported in the Hindustan Times dated February 16,2001, the National Archives of India has been requesting the Ministries/Departments etc. to use standard quality paper and ink for records of enduring nature and had issued two circulars, one in December, 1999 and another in October, 2000 requesting all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India to use ISI (now BIS) mark paper and ink for ensuring longevity of public records of permanent nature. Earlier, this aspect had also been emphasised on the Ministries/Departments in a meeting held in the Department of Administrative Reforms in July, 1999. Some of the Ministries/Departments of Government of India in turn have issued instructions to this effect to all the offices functioning under their control.