

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING OF BIS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to strengthen and modernize the Bureau of Indian Standards;
- (b) if so, the details regarding the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the other steps considered keeping in view the safety of the consumers in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) plans to connect all its offices through the use of modern communication methods, computerize various activities of the Bureau and offer on line services to consumers.

(c): While formulating Indian Standards on various products, BIS ensures that the requirements relating to human safety are incorporated. Keeping in view public health and safety, a large number of products have been brought under the mandatory certification scheme of the BIS