

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

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STANDARD FOR SILK SAREES  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has fixed any standards to determine the quality of 'silk sarees'; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): BIS has formulated a standard, namely, IS: 1583: 1991. Handloom silk dhotis and printed sarees - Specifications (first revision).

(b): This standard specifies following requirements for ten varieties of silk dhotis and printed saris woven in handlooms :

(i) Constructional particulars such as count of yarn, ends/dm, picks/dm, mass, breaking load, weave, length, width,

(ii) other performance requirements such as dimensional change, scouring loss, colour fastness.

The standard also specifies details related to inspection, marking, packing and sampling of the product.