

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

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BIS NORMS FOR PAINTS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the level of lead content in most of the paints sold in the country was found to be much higher than the specifications of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) as indicated in a report by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. TOMAS)

(a) & (b): Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion is the nodal Department for paints and that Department is taking appropriate action on the report of the Centre for Science and Environment. Accordingly, Bureau of Indian Standards has undertaken the task of review of Indian Standards on paints with respect to lead content.