

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3961
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2009
MOBILE VERIFICATION KIT FOR GOLD
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted a project proposal for the mobile verification kits for testing gold;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government for setting up of a referral laboratory for gold purity test in Kerala;
- (c) whether necessary financial assistance has been sanctioned for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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. THOMAS)

(a): No Madam.

(b): Does not arise. However a proposal for upgrading the existing Standard Laboratory and Gold Purity Testing Laboratory at Legal Metrology Bhavan, Kakkanad, Erankulam into a Referral Assaying and Hallmarking Laboratory as per the Indian Standard specification IS14:18:1999 at an estimated cost of Rs.40.51 lakhs has been received and considered by this Department.

(c) & (d): Certain clarification have been sought from Government of Kerala.