

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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LEAD CONTENT IN PAINTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey was conducted by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) regarding the leading brands of paints produced in the country which contains high lead in their products which is highly poisonous to human health even if touched;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken up the matter with the paint manufacturers to phase out the lead content from their products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to protect the human beings from health hazards?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (d): The Centre for Science & Environment (CSE), a non-governmental organization has conducted a study which shows the presence of lead in paints produced in the country. Government has taken up the matter with the stakeholders including paint manufacturers. The Technical Committee of the Bureau of Indian Standards has constituted three Working Groups to review all the published IS Specifications in the light of lead restriction and lead free clause.