

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2
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EDIBLE OIL PACKAGING
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Galvanised Plain (GP) sheets are being used for packaging edible oil;
- (b) if so, whether the use of such GP sheets is considered harmful;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether views have been sought from various stakeholders and experts in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government on the suggestions received; and
- (f) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

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 (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a) to (f): No such information is available. However, Rule 49 of Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules, 1955 prescribe conditions for sale, wherein it is prescribed that no person shall use for manufacturing, preparing or storing any food or ingredient of food for intended for sale in any utensil or container which is imperfectly enameled or imperfectly tinned or which is made of such materials or is in such a state as to be likely to injure such food or render it noxious.