

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

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QUALITY OF PACKAGED WATER

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

- (a) whether studies conducted by Sriram Institute for Industrial Research and other institutions have revealed that packaged drinking water being sold in the country is not upto the standards fixed by the Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) and contain high level of pesticides and other contaminants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of raids conducted, samples collected alongwith the action taken against the violators;
- (c) whether the BIS proposes to change the norms/parameters for testing bottled/package water; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

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) & (b): There is no information about any study having been conducted by Sriram Institute for Industrial Research or other institutions on packaged drinking water and therefore no raids have been conducted or samples collected based on such studies.

(c) & (d): Bureau of Indian Standards has formulated following Indian Standards concerning Packaged Water:

i) IS 14543:2004 Packaged drinking water (other than natural mineral water) (First Revision)

ii) IS 13428:2005 Packaged natural mineral water (Second Revision)

Indian Standards are subject to change, review and amendments as and when decided by the concerned technical committee.