

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:391  
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2010  
PACKAGING OF EDIBLE OILS  
Thakor Shri Jagdish

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any norms/standards for safe packaging of edible oils;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether galvanised plain sheets, considered harmful for packaging of edible oils is being used for the packaging;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective steps 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 (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.391 FOR 07.12.2010 REGARDING PACKAGING OF EDIBLE OILS

(a): Yes Madam.

(b): The Bureau of Indian Standards has developed the following standards for packaging of edible oils:

No.	IS Number	Title
1.	10325:2000	Square tins - 15 kg/litre for ghee, vanaspati, edible oils and bakery shortenings - Specification
2.	IS 10339:2000	Ghee, vanaspati, edible oil tins up to 10 kg/litre capacity- Specification
3.	10840 : 1994 (second revision)	Blow moulded HDPE containers - for packing of vanaspati
4.	11352 : 1998	Flexible pouches for the packing of vanaspati up to 5 kg or 5 litre (second revision)
5.	12724 : 2004	Flexible pouches for packing of refined edible oils up to 5 kg

or 5 litre

6. 12883 : 1989 Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) bottles for edible oils
  
7. 12887 : 1989 Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles for packaging of edible oils.
  
8. 14129:1994 Flexible packaging materials for the packing of vanaspati in 10kg and 15 kg packs
  
9. 14636:1998 Flexible packaging materials for packaging of edibles oils, ghee and vanaspati
  
10. 14764:2000 Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) containers for packaging of vanaspati- Specification

(c) to(e):(i) Bureau of Indian Standards has established an Indian Standard [IS 277:2003 Galvanized steel sheets (plain and corrugated) - Specification]. The Galvanized steel sheets covered by this Indian Standard are intended to be used for purposes such as paneling, roofing, lock forming etc. This Indian Standard is under mandatory certification under BIS Act, 1986; namely, no person can manufacture, sell, store for sale or distribute galvanized steel sheets which do not conform to the Indian Standard ( IS 277:2003) and do not bear Standard Mark of the Bureau after obtaining a licence. BIS has no information whether the Galvanized plain (GP) sheets are being used for packaging of edible oil in the country. As such, no views/suggestions have been sought regarding remedial steps from the members of the concerned Technical committee.

(ii) For safe packaging of food items, Rule 49 of Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules prescribes conditions for sale, wherein it is prescribed that no person shall use for manufacturing, preparing or storing any food or ingredient of food intended for sale in any utensil or container which is imperfectly enamelled 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. No such complaint had come to the notice of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India. Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955 are implemented by the State/UT Governments who draw regular samples of various food products and take appropriate action under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, if the samples are found not conforming with the standards under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955.