

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

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

- (a) whether the quality of cement produced in the country is as per the international standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any standard and quality norms have been fixed by the Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) for cement;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of times violations of such norms by cement companies have been reported during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government against such violations during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

- (a) & (b): At present, there is no international (ISO) standard on quality (specification) for cement.
- (c) : Yes, a series of Indian Standard Specifications have been laid down prescribing quality parameters for different type of cements.
- (d) : A list of Indian Standard specifications for cement is enclosed at Annex I.
- (e) : The Central Government has notified different types of cement for compulsorily compliance to the requirements of Indian Standards under license from BIS. The year-wise details of failure of samples for the last 3 years and the current year (01.04.2012 to 31.07.2012) are given at Annex II.
- (f) : The year-wise details of action taken against violators during the last 3 years and the current year (01.04.2012 to 31.07.2012) are given at Annex II.