

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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ACTION AGAINST PAINT COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government is aware of the study conducted by the Consumer Association of India (CAI) in association with Quality Control of India which has found that the paints of leading paint companies contain a shockingly harmful amount of lead; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA).

(a) The Union Government is not aware of the study conducted by the Consumer Association of India (CIA) in association with Quality Control of India. However, as per the information available, Quality Council of India (QCI) has supported a study, undertaken by National Referral Center for Lead Poisoning in India (NRCLP), on the evaluation of lead content in paints manufactured in India. The lead content was found to be up to 35000 ppm in several samples as against the BIS voluntary standard of upper limit of 1000 ppm.

(b) The Government has taken up the matter with the stake holders, including paint manufacturers. Accordingly, the Technical Committee of the Bureau of Indian Standards has constituted three Working Groups to review all the published IS specifications.