

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4638  
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2009  
MILK QUALITY STANDARDS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the existing facilities for screening and testing of milk for impurities available in the country and the assistance being provided by the Government to strengthen them;
- (b) whether quality standards for milk in the country are in line with the globally accepted norms;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether requests/proposals have been received by the Government to formulate mandatory quality standards for milk in the country to meet global quality norms;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (f) whether Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has been asked to lay down the quality parameters for milk; and
- (g) if so, the recommendations made in this regard and the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

- (a) There are 72 food laboratories in the country at District/Regional or state level in addition to four Central Food Laboratories set up by the Central Government for screening and testing of food products including milk products listed under Prevention of food Adulteration (PFA) Act/Rules, 1955. The upgradation of facilities and strengthening of food testing laboratories is a continuous and ongoing process, depending on the needs of particular laboratories. Central Food Labs and 41 State Food labs have been strengthened by the Central Govt. under the World Bank assisted Capacity Building Project on Food & Drugs implemented during October, 2003 to June, 2008 with manpower, building, equipments, microbiology unit and MIS unit wherever necessary.
- (b) & (c) As per the locality and geographical region of the country the standards for different classes of milk have been laid down under PFA Rules 1955.
- (d) & (e) No such request/proposal have been received by the Government to formulate mandatory quality standards for milk in the country to meet global quality norms.
- (f) No.
- (g) Does not arise.