

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7551
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STANDARDS FOR CEMENT
Thakor Shri Jagdish

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

- (a) whether any standard and quality parameters for cement have been laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS);
- (b) if so, whether the said standards are comparable to international standards;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received reports of violation of the said standards by cement manufacturing companies in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government against the violators during the above period?

Answer

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

- (a) : Yes Madam, a series of Indian Standards have been laid down prescribing quality parameters for different type of cements. A list of Indian Standard for cement is enclosed at Annexure I.
- (b) : At present, there is no international (ISO) standard on quality (specification) for cement.
- (c) : Not applicable in view of answer to (b) above.
- (d) to (f): Yes, Madam. Total number of complaints received, investigated and action taken by BIS against complaints of substandard ISI marked cement during the last three years and current year are given at Annexure-II.