

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:60
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FORMULATION OF STANDARDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of standards formulated by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the average time taken to formulate these standards;
- (b) whether the BIS is facing inordinate delays in formulating standards even in areas affecting the health and safety of customers;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether under the Laboratories Modernisation Programme of 2005, the BIS has been able to equip itself with modern infrastructure for testing samples; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

- (a): Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has formulated 19294 standards. Average time taken for formulation of standards is about 19 months.
- (b) to (c): No, Madam.
- (d) to (e): Yes, Madam. Initially, 277 test equipments were identified for purchase under the BIS Laboratory Modernization Programme of 2005. Out of this, 182 equipments have been purchased and are in use.