

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

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

- (a) the total number of hallmarking centres presently functioning in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received requests from various States for more number of such centres in their respective States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the name of such States; and
- (d) whether the Government has identified any location for setting up new centres, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Karnataka?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

- (a) : As on 31 March 2015, there are 331 Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) recognized Assaying & Hallmarking Centres. The State-wise list of Centres is at Appendix-I.
- (b)&(c) : No Madam. BIS has not received any request from the states for more number of such Centres in their respective States.
- (d) : No Madam.