

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4838  
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BIS CERTIFICATION FOR FOOD PRODUCTS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of food products being provided Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Certification at present;
- (b) the number of proposals received for inclusion or exclusion of food products under the BIS Certification during the last three years and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to simplify the process of certification and provide the BIS Certification after testing the said food products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the scheme being formulated for the purpose and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : At present, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification can be granted against 51 Indian Standards for food products.
- (b) : During the last three years and for the current year upto 30.6.2014 only one proposal for inclusion of a new food product under BIS Certification has been received. This was for certification of Icecream as per IS 2802: 1964. No food product has been excluded from BIS certification during the above said period.
- (c) & (d) : Yes Madam, BIS has simplified the process of certification by giving recognition to large number of private testing laboratories in addition to BIS own laboratories. Further, BIS has also introduced a Tatkal Scheme under which BIS Certification is granted within 30 days on priority basis.