

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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CONTENT OF LEAD IN PAINTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Consumer Association of India (CAI) in association with Quality Control of India has made any study on content of lead in various leading paint companies such as Berger Paints, ICI Dulux etc.;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): The Union Government is not aware of the study conducted by the Consumer Association of India (CIA) in association with Quality Control of India. However, as per the information available, Quality Council of India (QCI) has supported a study, undertaken by National Referral Center for Lead Poisoning in India (NRCLP), on the evaluation of lead content in paints manufactured in India. The lead content was found to be up to 35000 ppm in several samples as against the BIS voluntary standard of upper limit of 1000 ppm.

(c): The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has notified nine Indian Standards on house hold and decorative paints specifying 'Lead restriction requirement'. The details of these standards are given at Annexure.