

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4901

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IMPURITY IN GOLD

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the impurity/ adulteration in gold being sold in the market despite the presence of hall marking system in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to introduce unique nine-digit gold standard for jewellery purity;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be introduced?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes Madam.

(b) to (d): Yes Madam. The Government is actively considering a proposal under which all Hallmarking and Assaying centres will assign a unique nine character code to the jewellery for purity and traceability. No final decision has been taken.