

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:775  
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2003  
HALLMARKING OF SILVER ARTICLES  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) proposes to introduce the quality assurance system of Hallmarking for Silver articles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for mandatory use of hallmarking for silver articles by the manufacturers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI SHARAD YADAV )

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) proposes to introduce Hallmarking of Silver Articles on voluntary basis in accordance with the Indian Standards IS:2112:2003 `Silver, Jewellery artifacts-Fineness & Hallmarking`.

(c): There is no proposal at present with BIS to make the Hallmarking of Silver Articles mandatory.