

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:753  
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TESTS BY THE BIS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of tests required by the BIS to be carried out for packaged drinking water;
- (b) the cost of these tests through the BIS approved laboratories for the current year; and
- (c) the extent to which such tests help to ensure the purity of packaged drinking water?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SRI NIVASA PRASAD)

- (a): There are 51 tests specified in IS: 14543: 1998 Specification for Packaged Drinking Water.
- (b): The testing charges are Rs.12,800/- for all the tests.
- (c): To ensure the quality of Packaged Drinking Water various tests covering microbiological requirements, pesticide residues, organoleptic and physical parameters, general parameters concerning substances undesirable in excessive amounts, parameters concerning toxic substances and parameters concerning radio active residues have been included.