

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:807  
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POOR QUALITY OF BULBS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the recent study conducted by the Consumer Education and Research Society (CERS) revealing that majority of the 60 watt electric bulbs of various brands manufactured in the country do not conform to the BIS Standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the evaluation standards and extent of compliance with BIS norms in last three years;
- (c) whether there is any Governmental machinery for testing the quality of various brands of bulbs produced by the manufacturers in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRIV. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. According to the survey conducted by Consumer Education and Research Society (CERS), 11 brands of electric bulbs were found conforming to the corresponding Indian Standard on GLS Lamps, IS: 418 : 19785 brands were not found conforming to the aforesaid Indian Standard. 4 brands were found failing in average life and one brand was found failing in initial lumen and wattage. So far BIS has issued 176 licences to the manufacturers to use ISI Mark. During the period since January 1999, out of 53 samples tested by BIS 20 have failed. Action is taken against manufacturers not complying with the specifications, as laid down in the relevant Indian Standard, as per the provisions of BIS Act and Rules/ Regulations framed thereunder.

(c) to (e): GLS Lamp is under Mandatory Certification of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). BIS has been regularly monitoring performance of manufacturers permitted to use BIS Standard Mark for manufacturing bulbs by way of factory visits and testing of samples drawn from factory as well as from the market.