

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3533
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QUALITY OF FOOD ITEMS
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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) has presented a draft report regarding the quality of food items;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some food items being sold in the market are not up to the BIS specifications; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check such sub-standard food items?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : No, Sir. Bureau of Indian Standards has not issued a draft report in respect of quality of food items. The responsibility of fixing quality norms for food products including conformity with Indian Standards rests with Prevention of Food Adulteration Act under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.