

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

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WORK OVERLOAD

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

- (a) whether the Central Laboratory under Bureau of Indian Standards (CLBIS), Sahibabad (U.P.) is facing a twin problem of shortage of technicians and work overload;
- (b) if so, the mechanism developed by the Government for providing prompt service to the licensees and complainants of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) within a stipulated time limit;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to provide alternative arrangement for laboratory tests, packaging of paper and paper products and concerned assignments of CLBIS by private laboratories and Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute in India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is a lack of transparency in BIS Central Laboratory regarding the method of testing; and
- (f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check corruption in CLBIS and promote transparency?

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) & (b): Yes, Sir. Central Laboratory of Bureau of Indian Standards (CLBIS) is facing twin problem of shortage of technicians and work overload. However, this problem is being managed by outsourcing of samples to BIS recognized labs. CLBIS is adhering to stipulated time limit by providing services to the licensees and applicants and further augmenting it by outsourcing to outside laboratories which also follow the prescribed time limits.

(c) & (d): CLBIS is equipped for testing of paper and paper products like writing/printing paper, carbon paper, computer paper, MICR paper etc. BIS utilizes the services of other specialized labs in the paper testing like Central Pulp & Paper Research Institute to the extent required.

(e) & (f): No, Sir. The method of testing as specified in the relevant Indian Standard is followed in CLBIS. It has also adopted quality management system and is accredited by NABL.