

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1710
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STANDARDS FOR POLYTHENE POUCHES FOR PACKING WATER
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the companies manufacturing polythene pouches for packing water in the country;
- (b) whether these are in conformity with the standards fixed by Bureau of Indian Standards;
- (c) if not, whether the drinking water packed in poor quality pouches is likely to have adverse effect on health of the people; and
- (d) if so, the measures being taken to maintain the quality of drinking water being distributed in polythene pouches?

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) : The details of the companies manufacturing polythene pouches for packing water are not maintained.
- (b) to (d): A new specification IS 15609:2005 for polythene flexible pouches for packing Packaged Drinking Water and Mineral Water has been prepared by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and will be implemented with effect from 1 Feb 2006 to maintain the quality of water. All licensees of Packaged Drinking Water and Packaged Mineral Water filling their product in pouches have been advised to take appropriate action for implementation of specification from the above date.