

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4645
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APPARATUS FOR NATIONAL TEST HOUSE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Test House (NTH), Kolkata has purchased Thermal Conductivity Test Apparatus;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of tests so far undertaken by the said apparatus;
- (d) whether NTH was not able to utilize the said apparatus till 2004;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the details of the officials/persons held responsible therefor; and
- (g) the action so far taken by the Government against the persons responsible for loss suffered by the NTH as a result thereof?

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) to (e): Yes, Sir. NTH purchased the Thermal Conductivity Test Apparatus at a cost of Rs.52.18 lacs from USA.

The commissioning of the equipment got delayed due to non-availability of the required inputs viz. adequate power supply (30 Amp) and required pressure of water by CPWD which is the construction agency for NTH, Salt Lake Building. After the same were made available, the machine was operationalised and test report issued.

(f) & (g): Delay in full function of the machine was not attributable to any official(s) of NTH.