

**Cables with faked I.S.I. seals**

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SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-  
DIN:† SHRI GIAN CHAND TOTU:  
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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND  
CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to  
state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Consumer  
Council of India has reported to Government  
about the use of fake cables with faked ISI  
seals by house owners in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also fact that the Special  
crime Branch of Delhi apprehended some  
people in this connection; and

(c) if so, what measures are being  
contemplated by Government to check such  
malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL  
SUPPLIES (SHRI B. P. MAURYA): (a) to  
(c) The information is being collected and  
will be laid on the Table of the House.

SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN: Sir,  
everybody knows that the ISI seals enjoy a  
great respect in the country. I would like to  
know from the hon. Minister whether a survey  
is conducted with regard to the genuineness of  
the ISI seal on different consumer  
commodities so that the institution itself does  
not get a bad reputation and the consumer  
does not suffer on account of that seal.

SHRI B. P. MAURYA: So far as the ISI  
mark is concerned, we keep in touch with the  
articles which are given the licence right from  
the raw material stage. Whenever any  
complaint is received, it is thoroughly  
investigated. If the complaint is

fine question was actually asked on the  
floor of the House by Shri Syed Nizam-ud-  
Din.

found to be genuine, that article is replaced  
free of cost and a fine up to Rs. 10,000/- is  
imposed. So far as the ISI mark is concerned,  
it has got a very good reputation in the market  
and we are maintaining that reputation.

SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN: I would  
also like to know from the hon. Minister what  
is the responsibility of the ISI in case it is  
found that the ISI seal is genuine but the  
commodity sold is of sub-standard quality.

SHRI B. P. MAURYA: As I have  
submitted just now, we are taking three steps.  
At the time of production, we take all the  
precautions right from the raw material stage  
up to the finished product stage. When the  
product goes to the market, our Inspectors are  
very vigilant in taking the things from the  
market and seeing that they are up to the  
mark. Whenever we get a complaint from the  
public, we get in touch with them.

SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN: What is  
the responsibility of the ISI when the seal is  
genuine but the commodity is of sub-standard  
quality?

SHRI B. P. MAURYA: The article is  
replaced. As I said, the product is confiscated  
under Section 14 of the Act and a penalty up  
to Rs. 10,000/- is imposed upon the party.

SHRI GIAN CHAND TOTU: Sir, may I  
draw the attention of the hon. Minister to part  
(c) of the question? It should be possible for  
the hon. Minister to reply to this part of the  
question.

SHRI B. P. MAURYA: Sir, Part (c) of the  
question is: If so, what measures are being  
contemplated by Government to check such  
malpractices? Surprise checks are carried out  
by the qualified inspector. Random samples of  
the products are taken and tested in ISI and other  
independent laboratories. Tests are also  
carried out in accordance with

the provisions. Goods tearing ISI marks are purchased by the inspection staff directly from the market and tested in ISI and other independent laboratories. Complaints from the purchasers and consumers about the quality of ISI marked products are entertained. Whenever a complaint is found to be genuine, a free of cost replacement is arranged.

SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: I want to know from the hon. Minister whether the Indian Standards Institution submits its reports of performance to the Government and, if so, whether the Government has come for the first time to know that there is a fake ISI seal on consumer commodities.

SHRI B. P. MAURYA: Sir, not only the annual reports on the ISI's working and functioning come to the Ministry regularly, but even we are getting the monthly reports, and we are constantly in touch with them.

SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: The second part of my question is whether you have come to know for the first time that there is a fake seal in the market of the ISI.

SHRI B. P. MAURYA: Such type of complaints have come very often. On our own also, we check and we take necessary action.

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: May I know from the hon. Minister whether in this particular case, the fake seal was detected by the Police or the initiative was taken by the ISI authorities, as obviously they are also responsible for preventing their name or seal being misused?

SHRI B. P. MAURYA: Sir, the ISI has informed that M/s. Grandlay Electricals (India), having their office at Alipore Road, New Delhi and factory at Military Parade Road, Radio Colony, reported to the Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch, Delhi Administration, that bogus cables with Grandlay trade

mark are being manufactured and marked by Thakurdas Dureja and Giridhar Lai at their house near Hari Mandir, Kingsway Camp, Delhi. The Crime Branch of the Delhi Police, as per information furnished by the ISI, is investigating the case, and two persons have already been arrested.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

#### **Employment of tribals in the Khadi and Village Industries Commission..**

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SISODIA: SHRI HARSH  
DEO MALA-  
VIYA:† SHRI SARDAR  
AMJAD ALI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of centres that are being run by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission in the country;

(b) the amount of wages paid to the employees of the Commission in a year;

(c) whether the Commission has prepared a plan to provide employment to tribals; and

(d) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) The development programmes of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission are implemented by agencies: (i) institution registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. and (ii) cooperatives registered under the respective State Co-operative Acts. In 1974-75 there were 700 institutions registered under the Societies Regis-

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Harsh Deo Malaviya.