

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1797 (OIH)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2025

HALLMARK FOR SILVER

1797. SHRI SHAMBHU SHARAN PATEL:

(OIH) SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI BRIJ LAL:

SHRI MADAN RATHORE:

SHRI MAYANKKUMAR NAYAK:

DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

SHRI BABURAM NISHAD:

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

- (a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has started Hallmark for Silver jewellery and artefacts in addition to Gold;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the date of commencement;
- (c) the number of jewellers and assaying and Hallmarking Centres registered for Silver Hallmarking as on date; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government to ensure smooth implementation and consumer awareness in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI B. L. VERMA)

(a) & (b) : Hallmarking of silver jewellery and silver artefacts was launched by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in October 2005, on voluntary basis. From 1 September 2025, BIS has introduced Mandatory Hallmarking Unique Identification (HUID) for silver jewellery marking a major step towards strengthening consumer protection. HUID is a six-digit alphanumeric code laser-marked on each hallmarked silver article, in addition to the BIS Standard Mark, the word 'SILVER', and the purity grade. This unique code provides digital traceability of every jewellery piece and brings silver hallmarking in line with the existing gold hallmarking system. Importantly, while the BIS Silver Hallmarking Scheme remains voluntary, the HUID marking has been made mandatory for hallmarked silver articles. Hallmarking in silver articles includes seven purity grades i.e. 800, 835, 925, 958, 970, 990 and 999, with 958 and 999 added recently.

(c) : As on 10th December 2025 , 19832 Silver Jewellers are registered with BIS and 257 Silver Assaying and Hallmarking Centres(AHCs) have taken BIS Recognition.

(d) : BIS has carried out extensive awareness initiatives through consumer outreach programmes, jeweller interactions across Branch Offices, and targeted social media campaigns to ensure widespread dissemination of information on HUID-based silver hallmarking.

A total of 267 Consumer awareness programmes which includes Awareness Programmes on Hallmarking were organized by Regional Offices / Branch offices throughout the country through print advertisements in newspapers, radio campaigns, outdoor publicity, social-media infographics, media interactions, and feature stories during the current financial year.
