

**Government of India  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution  
Department of Consumer Affairs**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2364  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022**

**BIS FOR WATER**

2364. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH: SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

(OIH)

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) are in place for drinking water;
- (b) if so, whether BIS quality standards have not been made mandatory for civic agencies engaged in supplying drinking water to houses across the country;
- (c) if so, the reasons for not making BIS standards mandatory for supplying piped drinking water; and
- (d) the details of new steps being taken by the Government to ensure safe drinking water supply to every house hold in the country?

**ANSWER**

**उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री  
(श्री अश्विनी कुमार चौबे)**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): Yes, Sir. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has made two Indian Standards pertaining to drinking water, namely, IS 10500:2012 on Drinking Water – Specification and IS 17482:2020 on Drinking Water Supply Management System - Requirements for Piped Drinking Water Supply.
- (b): BIS quality standards are not mandatory for civic agencies engaged in supplying drinking water to houses across the country .
- (c): Water Supply is a State subject and it is the responsibility of the State Government/Urban Local Bodies to plan, design, execute, operate and maintain the water supply systems.
- (d): Since August, 2019, Government of India in partnership with States, is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - Har Ghar Jal to make provision of potable tap water supply in adequate quantity, of prescribed quality on regular and long-term basis to every rural household by 2024. Under Jal Jeevan Mission, as per existing guideline, IS 10500:2012 is to be adopted for ensuring safe drinking water supply and States/ UTs have been advised to carry out testing of drinking water sources once in year for chemical and physical parameters and twice in a year for bacteriological parameters.