

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 258  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2016**

**MANDATORY HALLMARKING**

258. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for mandatory Hallmarking of gold and silver items ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which it is likely to ensure purity of the items made from these precious metals;
- (d) whether the Government has set up recognized hallmarking centers across the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**मिनिस्टर ऑफ़ कन्स्युमर अफ़ेयर्स, फूड अण्ड पब्लिक डिस्ट्रिब्युशन**  
**वैलुड इण्डियन स्टण्डर्ड्स अण्ड मेटल हॉलमार्किंग**

**THE MINISTER OF  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)**

(a) & (b) : The Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 has enabling provisions for making hallmarking of precious metal articles mandatory by the Central Government.

(c) : The objective of the hallmarking scheme is to ensure purity of precious metal articles.

(d) to (f) : Madam, no hallmarking centre has been set up by Central Government or by Bureau of Indian Standards. Hallmarking centres are generally set up by private entrepreneurs. As on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 there are 376 BIS recognized hallmarking centres across the country, state wise details of which are given in the **Annexure**.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) to (f) OF LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.258 FOR 19.07.2016 REGARDING MANDATORY  
HALLMARKING.**

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**The state wise distribution of the BIS recognized Assaying & Hallmarking Centres as on  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

<b>Sl No.</b>	<b>Name of State/UT</b>	<b>No. of Assaying &amp; Hallmarking Centres</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	20
2.	Assam	2
3.	Bihar	3
4.	Chandigarh	3
5.	Chhattisgarh	1
6.	Delhi	31
7.	Gujarat	37
8.	Haryana	7
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
10.	Jharkhand	3
11.	Karnataka	26
12.	Kerala	39
13.	Madhya Pradesh	7
14.	Maharashtra	51
15.	Odisha	7
16.	Puducherry	1
17.	Punjab	12
18.	Rajasthan	16
19.	Tamil Nadu	51
20.	Telangana	10
21.	Uttar Pradesh	16
22.	West Bengal	31
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>376</b>

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