

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2673
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

LEGAL METROLOGY (PACKAGED COMMODITIES) RULES, 2011

2673. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to amend the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated comments from stakeholders on the amendments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the consumers will be benefitted once the new amendment comes into force and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the packaged commodities meant for industrial consumers will be exempted from this Rule and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री बी. एल. वर्मा)

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) to (f) : The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 requires for declaration of mandatory information like name and address of the manufacturer/ packer/ importer, country of origin, common or generic name of the commodity, net quantity, month and year of manufacture, MRP, Unit Sale Price, best before/ use by date in case of commodity become unfit for human consumption, consumer care details etc. on all pre-packaged commodities in the interest of consumers.

The rules are amended from time to time for ease of doing business and to protect the interest of consumers. The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 were amended after complying all process i.e. consultation with all stake holders, vetting by Ministry of Law & Justice, etc. vide GSR 722 (E) dated 6th October, 2023 for declaration of unit sale price in addition to retail sale price (MRP) and declaration of month and year of manufacture. The rules came into force w.e.f. 1st January, 2024.

This will help in establishing uniform requirements for packaged commodities, promoting consistency and fairness and will help consumers in making informed choices based on complete information.

Rule 3 (c) of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 exempt the packaged commodities meant for industrial or institutional consumers from provisions applicable to packages intended for retail sale.