Dear Prof. Thomas ji,

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 31st January, 2013 enclosing therewith copies of letters of Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, MP(Lok Sabha) regarding provision of red/brown and green dot on non-vegetarian and vegetarian soaps, shampoos, toothpastes and other cosmetics and toiletries under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.

I am having the matter looked into.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(Ghulam Nabi Azad)

Prof. K.V. Thomas
Minister of State(I/C) for Consumer Affairs,
Food & Public Distribution
Government of India
Krishi Bhavan
New Delhi.
Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the letters dated 30.09.2013 and 06.12.2013 received from Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Hon’ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) requesting to apply the Red/Brown and Green dot to identify vegetarian and non-vegetarian soaps, shampoos, toothpastes and other cosmetics and toiletries under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.

2. Since provision of Red/Brown and Green dot on vegetarian and non-vegetarian packaged foods was an initiative of Health Ministry, I am writing with a request to kindly concur with the request of Hon’ble Member of Parliament to apply the Red/Brown and Green dot on soaps, shampoos, toothpastes and other cosmetics and toiletries under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011. The Department of Consumer Affairs will initiate necessary action in this regard.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Prof. K. V. Thomas)

Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad,
Minister of Health & Family Welfare,
Government of India,
Nirman Bhawan,
New Delhi
Kindly refer to your letter dated 30.09.2013 and 06.12.2013 requesting to apply the Red/Brown and Green dot to identify vegetarian and non-vegetarian soaps, shampoos, toothpastes and other cosmetics and toiletries under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.

2. Please be informed that your request is under consideration in consultation with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to apply Red/Brown and Green dot on soaps, shampoos, toothpastes and other cosmetics and toiletries under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)

Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi,
Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha),
14, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi – 110001
Prof. K.V. Thomas  
Minister for Consumer Affairs  
179, Krishi Bhavan  
New Delhi-110001

6.12.2013

Dear Prof. Thomas,

This is regarding my letter of 30.9.2013 requesting you to apply the red/brown dots on soaps, shampoos, toothpastes and other cosmetics and toiletries. I would again request you to take the necessary action to add it in the legal Metrology Packaged Commodity Rules 2011 at the earliest.

With warm regards,

(Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi)
Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT  
(LOK SABHA)

Prof K.V. Thomas  
Minister for Consumer affairs  
179 Krishi Bhavan  
New Delhi

Dear Prof Thomas

A large number of people have benefited from the Red/Brown and Green dot that your Ministry had put ten years ago in order to identify vegetarian and non vegetarian foods.

However many people have written to me to ask if the same dots could be applied to toiletries- soaps, shampoos, toothpastes etc. Many of them use non vegetarian bases: animal based gelatins, etc.

I would be grateful if you could ask your Ministry to address this issue. It would be simple to add these to the list and it would make it easier for people to make an informed choice.

With warm regards

Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi

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