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Shri Pramod Kumar Tiwari, Director General
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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Government of India
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via **Electronic Mail**

Dear Shri Director General:

I am writing on behalf of myself, Dr. Sushant Sinha of Bengaluru, and Mr. Srinivas Kodali of Hyderabad. Together we are co-petitioners in Public Interest Litigation in regards to the Bureau of Indian Standards before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi (write petition No. 11901 of 2015, filed November 23, 2015).

We are writing in regards to recent actions by the esteemed Bureau of Indian Standards to make available for no-cost, non-commercial download of all Indian Standards, with the exception of ISO/IEC standards (which are covered by international agreements). This means that the vast majority of Indian Standards are now freely available at standardsbis.bsbedge.com

Indian Standards represent the best codified knowledge on hundreds of topics essential to the safety and operation of crucial areas of activity. In addition to standards governing goods that are subject to mandatory certification, Indian Standards including building codes with such crucial topics as the operation and placement of fire exits in homes, schools, hospitals, and other facilities. Indian Standards govern the safe cleaning of sewers, the safe application of pesticides in agriculture, the safe operation of textile machines in factories and countless other areas.

Indian Standards are the results of the dedicated work of government experts, industry participants, scientists, and others dedicated to creating these crucial documents. The documents undergo extensive public review in draft state, are finalized through a rigorous process of editorial and quality control, and noticed in the Official Journal, and become an integral part of regulations and laws, are referred to in court judgments, and are relied upon by industry, farmers, and small business. Indian Standards are world-renowned for their high quality and are the very embodiment of "Safe in India."


We write to congratulate on this important step. Making Indian Standards more broadly available will underscore the important work you do at the Bureau of Indian Standards and demonstrate your world leadership in this important area of government. We thank you for your efforts.

We believe the Bureau of Indian Standards and the undersigned all share a common goal, the promotion of safety in India. We would like to offer our assistance should it be useful to the Bureau. For example, Public Resource has spent considerable time transforming Indian Standards into modern HTML standards and redrawing diagrams into "svg" format, an open vector image format. This makes the standards more responsive on modern devices such as mobile platforms and significantly more accessible to the visually impaired. You are welcome to all those files and we would be happy to meet with technical staff to explain what we have done.

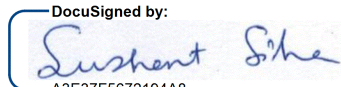
I will be in Delhi beginning July 10. Might I have the favour of a meeting with you to discuss this matter?

Again, we thank you and the government of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi for your leadership and look forward to discussions with you and to offer our support.

With best regards,

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