

BIS ELECTED TO ISO COUNCIL FOR THE TERM 2008-2009

ISO is one of the largest standardizing bodies having world wide acceptance, presently comprising 158 members, set up with the objective of promoting development of standardization and related activities in the world. India is a member of this international organization through Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and is participating actively in its activities, policy making as well as technical work. BIS is represented as participating 'P' member on 254 technical committees and subcommittees of ISO. It also holds the Secretariat responsibilities for 2 technical committees, namely, ISO/TC 113 'Hydrometric Determination' and ISO/TC 120 'Leather' and their related subcommittees as well as the subcommittee on Spices and Condiments, functioning under ISO/TC 34, Agriculture & Food Products.

ISO Council is the highest policy and planning body of ISO. In the recently held meeting of ISO General Assembly in Sept 2007 at Geneva, **India contested and won the election for a seat in Council with the support of 84 countries.** In the past Indians have held the posts of President and Vice President of ISO and BIS also has been a member of Technical Management Board and the Council. DG, BIS had also been Regional Liaison Officer for South Asia Region to promote standardization activity in the region.

Further Mr. Sayan Chatterjee, Director General , BIS is also nominated to Finance Standing Committee of ISO Council.