



Steps taken to Strengthen Food Safety, Food Quality Monitoring and Consumer Protection

FSSAI Conducts Over 56,000 Risk-Based Inspections in Three Years to Strengthen Food Safety Oversight; Over 5.18 Lakh Enforcement Food Samples Analysed Across States/UTs

Food Safety Oversight with Mandatory Audits, Expanded Testing Infrastructure, and Stricter Enforcement

FSSAI Expands Food Safety Ecosystem with 252 Testing Labs, Mobile Food Testing Units, and Mandatory Third-Party Audits

Stronger Food Safety Framework Introduced to Improve Labelling Transparency, Monitor Cooking Oil Use, and Protect Consumers

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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is mandated to lay down science-based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption. The implementation and enforcement of the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006 is a shared responsibility between the Central and State Governments.

While the FSSAI, is responsible for laying down science-based standards and ensuring overall coordination, the State Food Safety Authorities are primarily responsible for enforcement at the field level. Designated officers (DOs) and Food Safety Officers (FSOs) under the Commissioner of Food Safety in the States/UTs are entrusted with the responsibility of enforcing the provisions of FSS Act, 2006. State/UT-wise details of Enforcement Samples analysed, found non-conforming and penal action taken during last three years are attached at Annexure.

FSSAI has developed Risk Based Inspection System (RBIS) where frequency of inspection is decided based on risk associated with Food businesses and issued guidelines. Annual inspections are to be conducted for all food categories identified as high risk. The details of risk-based inspections carried out are as follows:

Financial Year	Total Risk-based Inspection conducted
2022-23	11904
2023-24	18098
2024-25	26267

Furthermore, all the Food Business Operators (FBOs) (general manufacturing) holding the Central License have to undergo the Third Party Audit from FSSAI empanelled agencies once a year.

FSSAI extends financial and technical assistance to States/UTs for strengthening food safety infrastructure in the country. The support includes the following:

- Strengthening Enforcement and Compliance, such as Licensing and Registration
- Inspections and Audits, Sampling and Testing of Enforcement and Surveillance Samples
- Consumer Grievance Redressal
- Capacity Building for Officers.
- Strengthening of the Food Testing Ecosystem, such as High-End/ Basic equipment for labs
- Promotion of FSSAI initiatives such as Eat Right Campus, Eat Right School
- Flexi Assistance, such as Hiring of vehicles for undertaking inspection and sampling by FSOs and DOs

In the States/UTs, 2,997 Food Safety Officers and 668 Designated Officers are working.

Appropriate punitive actions have been taken, in accordance with the provisions of the FSS Act, 2006, against non-compliant Food Business Operators (FBOs). This includes issuance of Improvement Notices under Section 32 of the Act, followed by further action, such as suspension or cancellation of the license in cases of non-compliance. In addition, actions such as penalties, adjudication proceedings, or prosecution have been taken under the relevant provisions of the Act, depending upon the nature and gravity of the violation detected during inspection.

Additionally, FSSAI has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020, which focus on ensuring transparency, accuracy, and consumer awareness. These regulations mandate clear and detailed labelling and display requirements for food products.

In order to restrict used cooking oil, FSSAI mandates FBO to maintain a record of UCO disposal if edible oil consumption for frying is more than 50 litres per day. Also, FSSAI, vide Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations, 2017 has inserted the provision that “vegetable oil having developed Total Polar Compound more than 25% shall not be used”.

To strengthen the food regulatory ecosystem in the country, FSSAI has notified 252 food testing laboratories for analysis of food samples and 24 Referral Food Laboratories for the analysis of appellate samples. FSSAI has also provided funds for Mobile Food Testing Laboratory (MFTL) referred to as “Food Safety on wheels” (FSW) to States/UTs. It is an important means to combat adulteration as FSWs are equipped with basic infrastructure for on-spot testing of adulteration in various food commodities. Currently, 305 FSWs are deployed across 35 States/UTs.

Further, for any food safety-related grievances, consumers/citizens can lodge a complaint/ grievance against the Food Business Operator on <https://foscoss.fssai.gov.in/consumergrievance/>. Grievances may also be submitted via email at helpdesk-foscoss@fssai.gov.in or compliance@fssai.gov.in or through the toll-free helpline 1800-11-2100.

The Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Shri Prataprao Jadhav stated this in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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Annexure

State/UT wise details of Enforcement Samples analysed, found non-conformin								
		(2024-2025)				(2023-2024		
S. No.	State/UT	No. of Samples Analysed	Civil Cases	Criminal Cases	Cancelled License	No. of Samples Analysed	Civil Cases	Crim Cas
			Decided with Penalty	No. of Convictions			Decided with Penalty	No. Convic
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	810	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	5984	464	8	15	6439	646	8
3	Arunachal Pradesh	125	7	0	5	501	2	0
4	Assam	1705	0	0	19	1139	0	0
5	Bihar	2863	25	0	7	2806	79	0
6	Chandigarh	374	116	41	5	311	87	52
7	Chhattisgarh	2069	143	6	1	1373	86	2
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	56	0	0	0	185	0	0
9	Delhi	2624	18	16	1	3412	36	12

10	Goa	1172	11	0	0	599	17	0
11	Gujarat	12387	859	91	8	15841	1701	65
12	Haryana	2233	599	59	20	3485	593	45
13	Himachal Pradesh	1587	471	0	3	1618	376	2
14	Jammu & Kashmir	6955	1,239	29	17	9057	1612	22
15	Jharkhand	364	52	0	1	384	59	0
16	Karnataka	9371	283	32	34	5492	75	16
17	Kerala	10767	1,088	206	40	10792	854	13
18	Ladakh	417	38	0	0	638	19	0
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	13920	2,597	22	3	13998	1938	46
21	Maharashtra	5403	1,147	0	9	5087	154	0
22	Manipur	126	2	0	1	168	0	0
23	Meghalaya	388	0	0	0	123	0	0
24	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Nagaland	223	0	0	0	138	3	0
26	Orissa	2282	27	0	2	2003	0	0
27	Puducherry	173	0	0	0	31	0	0
28	Punjab	4131	333	8	1	6041	1204	10
29	Rajasthan	13840	3,114	30	2	18536	2181	12
30	Sikkim	254	0	0	0	231	0	0

31	Tamil Nadu	18071	1,536	492	7	18146	2195	47
32	Telangana	3347	125	0	1	6156	425	0
33	Tripura	123	0	0	0	87	0	0
34	Uttar Pradesh	30380	14,920	215	16	27750	14627	16
35	Uttarakhand	1509	256	4	1	1998	332	0
36	West Bengal	14502	672	6	0	5948	285	0
	Total	170535	30142	1265	220	170513	29586	116

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