

Reg. Problem of widespread Food Adulteration and need for effective mechanism to curb this

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU (BEHRAMPUR): Sir, food is one of the basic necessities for sustenance of life. Pure, fresh, and healthy diet is most essential for the health of the people. Adulteration of food items is so rampant, widespread, and persistent that the existing mechanism has been found not enough for making a drastic remedy. Adulteration of food and food items is still a major issue that many come across in the country. It may not be visible to the naked eye but the longstanding effects of such adulteration may impact one's health and wellbeing. The existing mechanism has so far not been able to make any drastic change to stop total food adulteration. The existing law enforcement agencies whether of the Union Government or the State Governments do not have enough manpower mechanism and funds to check and stop adulteration of food and food items.

Sir, we have also seen the results, outcome and achievements of FSSAI in stopping the adulteration in food and food items so far in the country. Now, the time has come for each and every citizen of the country to participate to come up against food adulteration. The Government should launch a movement like it did for clean India, that is, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and provide sufficient funds to the States for the success to this movement against food adulteration. Thank you.