

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1908
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND AUGUST, 2024**

BAN ON USE OF COOKING OIL IN FOOD CHAIN

1908. SHRI YOGENDER CHANDOLIA:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to take measures to ensure that cancer causing cooking oil is not allowed in the food chain;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are any provisions in law that hold the persons liable who trade, circulate and use such cancer causing cooking oil; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (d): Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has already made regulations to ensure that cancer causing used cooking oil does not enter in the food Chain.

FSSAI has also launched Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO) initiative to enable the collection and conversion of UCO to biodiesel and/or soap. This helps to prevent UCO from entering into the food chain. FSSAI has restricted the use of vegetable oil or fat having developed Total Polar Compounds more than 25% vide Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2020.

The implementation and enforcement of provisions under Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006 and Rules and Regulations, primarily lies with the State/UT Governments. To ensure compliance with these provisions, State/UT Governments take up surveillance, monitoring and inspection activities.

Samples of food items including cooking oil are drawn by State Food Safety Officers and sent to the laboratories recognised by FSSAI for analysis. In cases where samples are found to be non-conforming to the provisions of the Act and the Rules and Regulations made, recourse is taken to penal provisions under the FSS Act.

Further, from time to time, FSSAI issues necessary directions and advisories for proper disposal and use of UCO.

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