

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2307
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NATIONAL FOOD SCIENCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT CENTRE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up the National Food Science and Risk Assessment Centre;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, the estimated cost of the project and proposed function thereof;
- (c) the time by which the said centre is likely to be set up;
- (d) whether the Government has also proposed to upgrade the existing food laboratories into Regional Laboratories;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the above laboratories are likely to be set up, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the number of new laboratories proposed to be set up during 12th Five Year Plan, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a) to (c): Yes. There is a proposal to set up National Food Science and Risk Assessment Centre (NFSRAC) under the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for regulatory research and risk assessment, as well as to oversee surveillance on the lines of international institutions like the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) and Centre for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition in USA and other countries. The implementation of this project would be contingent upon the final approval of the 12th Plan by the National Development Council.

(d) to (f): The upgradation of some of the existing food laboratories into Regional laboratories and setting up of new laboratories would depend upon the approval of the 12th Plan and allocation of requisite resources.