

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

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FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS REGULATION

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

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- (a) whether number of cases of adulteration in food products including milk/milk products are increasing constantly;
- (b) if so, the number of cases booked/convicted under Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on Sales) Regulations, 2011 during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to curb the adulteration in food products and implementation of above regulation properly?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) As per information made available by the States/UTs., details relating to the number of cases registered / challaned for adulteration in food products, during the last three years are at Annexure .

(c) To curb the menace of food adulteration, regular surveillance, monitoring & sampling of food products are undertaken by State/UT Governments under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Rules & Regulations made thereunder. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issues advisories from time to time to State/UT Governments to check the adulteration in food products, draw samples and file prosecution, where necessary FSSAI also conducts awareness workshop/ Training programme on Food Safety, involving Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), Public Health Department of State Government who have experience and presence in the field. A national Food Safety Helpline (1800 11 21 00) has also been started for having direct interface/communication linkages with the stakeholders in the food chain including the regulators, other government agencies, manufacturing associations, municipal bodies, NGOs, consumers, etc.