

In addition, Faculty at NEIGRIHMS is entitled to draw special Duty Allowance (SDA) @ 12.5%.

Checks On Fat Food Items

†5055. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to State:

- (a) whether Government regularly checks the food items prepared by the multinational fast food companies along with the ingredients used therein;
- (b) whether according to a report, the food items sold in the country by multinational fast food companies contain higher quantity of trans-fats, salt and sugar which are adversely affecting the health of children and other individuals;
- (c) whether Government is going to take any steps to check this practice so that the new generation of the country could be saved from diseases, and
- (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Implementation of food Safety and Standards Act and Rules and Regulations made thereunder, rests with the State/UT Governments. To ensure availability of food free of adulteration and contamination, random samples of various food articles including those manufactured indigenously or by multinational companies, are drawn regularly by the Food Safety Officers of all state/UT Governments. These samples are tested, as per standards prescribed under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Rules/Regulations, 2011 Framed thereunder, and penal action is taken against the offenders, in cases where samples are found to be not conforming to the prescribed standards.

The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has prescribed Science based standard for various ingredients of food items. As per Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labeling) Regulation, 2011, every pre-packaged food is required to contain on the label, a list of ingredients in the descending order and nutrition information, calorie in Kcal, carbohydrate, protein and fat in gm/100gm or ml/100 ml. The food in which hydrogenated vegetable fat or bakery shortening is used is required to declare on the label that hydrogenated vegetable fats or bakery shortening used contains trans fat.

FSSAI also issues advisories to all States/U.Ts based on specific issues relating to food safety from time to time. FSSAI is also generating awareness about healthy food through both print and electronic media.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi