

Guwahati, Assam and proposals for setting up of TCCC have been approved for Civil Hospital, Aizawl, Mizoram, Multispecialty Hospital, Sichey, Gangtok, Sikkim and District Hospital, Kohima, Nagaland.

Norms for manufacturing carbonated drinks

1707. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has laid down any norms for the manufacturing of carbonated soft drinks like Pepsi, Coke etc.;
- (b) if so, the details and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the harmful effects of carbonated soft drinks, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has prescribed standards for carbonated water in sub-regulation 2.10.6 of Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. Tolerance limits for metal contaminant in carbonated water and maximum residue limits for pesticide residues are prescribed in Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011. These products are also required to comply with the labelling provisions prescribed in Food Safety and Standards (Packaging & Labelling) Regulations, 2011. Further, as per the condition of license under Food Safety and Standards (Licensing & Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011, every manufacturer/Food Business Operator (FBO) applying for licensing shall have a documented Food Safety Management System (FSMS) plan and shall comply with Schedule 4 of the Regulations relating to General Hygienic and Sanitary Practices to be followed.

- (c) FSSAI has informed that no such study has been conducted.

Financial assistance for medical colleges in Assam

1708. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to strengthen the Medical Colleges and District General Hospitals in the State of Assam;