

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2515
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2021**

**STATUS OF RE-PURPOSE USED COOKING OIL (RUCO) INITIATIVE OF FSSAI
2515 SHRI JOHN BRITTAS:**

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

- (a) the salient features of the Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO) initiative of FSSAI;
- (b) whether Government has undertaken measures under RUCO initiative to create awareness about the same; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a): Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has informed that it has launched “Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO)” initiative in association with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) to create an ecosystem to collect and convert the Used Cooking Oil (UCO) into Biodiesel.

This initiative is to create an ecosystem where the used cooking oil is disposed of in an environmental friendly manner and does not re-enter into the food value chain.

(b) & (c): FSSAI has developed a guidance note to ensure safe handling and disposal of UCO by Food Business Operators (FBOs). It outlines procedures to be followed for handling and disposal of UCO for households, small and large FBOs. FSSAI has also prescribed the guidelines for collection of UCO by Biodiesel Manufacturers from FBOs through authorised collection agencies. In addition, resources like videos, flyers, posters and a booklet on RUCO have been developed and circulated to States/UTs and are also available on RUCO portal of FSSAI for awareness generation to stakeholders.

Moreover, this initiative is an important part of Eat Right India movement and has been promoted at various platforms.