

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2943
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH, 2022**

GUIDELINES BY WHO FOR FRONT OF PACK LABELLING DESIGN

2943. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering global best practices and mandates set by the WHO to determine a Front of Pack Labelling design as well as scientific thresholds such as the WHO SEARO Nutrient Profile Model for harmful ingredients like sugar, salt and fat in the interest of public health;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government and the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has already set the thresholds for sugar, salt and saturated fats; and
- (d) if so, the scientific basis used to define the thresholds?

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

(a) to (d): Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has informed that in the draft Food Safety and Standards (Labelling & Display) Regulations, 2019, Front of Pack labelling (FOPL) was meant to distinctly indicate the packaged food products high in fat, sugar & salt. The same was withdrawn from the final Regulation.

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