

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.215
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH DECEMBER, 2016
PRINTING OF NUTRITIONAL CONTENTS IN HINDI AND REGIONAL
LANGUAGES ON FOOD PACKETS**

***215. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that printing of nutritional contents on food packets in English language only is a major obstacle in spreading nutritional literacy among general masses; and

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to issue guidelines to food packaging industries to print nutritional contents in Hindi and possibly in regional languages also, along with English; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) : Regulation 2.2, sub-regulation 2.2.1, clause (2) of the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011, prescribes the General Labelling requirements of every pre-packed food items, as follows:

“The particulars of declaration required under these Regulations to be specified on the label shall be in English or Hindi in Devnagri script:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the use of any other language in addition to the language required under this regulation.”

(b)&(c): No. In the light of the Regulations referred at (a) above, at present, the Government is not considering issuing any fresh guidelines to Packaged Food industries about printing the nutritional contents.
