

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1366
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD MARCH, 2020**

PACKAGED FOODS WITH ABNORMAL SALT AND FAT CONTENTS

1366. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

- (a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the matter of packaged foods available in the market that are having presence of salt and fat contents at abnormal levels as compared to the guidelines of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), as per the study conducted by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures being taken by Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (c): Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has informed that Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) study has alleged that the quantity of salt and fat in the samples tested were higher than the threshold limits proposed in the draft Food Safety and Standards (Labelling & Display) Regulations.

Out of total 33 samples tested in the said study, 19 samples are of 'prepared food' where 'Front- of-Pack' Labelling is not applicable. As far as pre-packaged food items are concerned, the sample size (14 samples) is too small and cannot be considered as representative of pre-packaged food industry in the country.

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