

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.743
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th DECEMBER, 2022**

SYMBOLS ON FRONT LABELS OF PACKAGED FOOD

743. DR. FAUZIA KHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has evaluated global best practices on symbols on Front labels which are proving to be most effective to convey the health harms of packaged foods; and
- (b) whether, as per recent media reports, FSSAI is considering a health star rating system despite scientific evidence that warning labels can result in immediate public health benefits, if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a)& (b): Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has informed that various global Front of Pack Nutrition Labelling (FOPNL) models have been studied by the concerned Scientific Panel of FSSAI. Besides this, FSSAI commissioned a study, which was conducted by the Indian Institute of Management-Ahmedabad (IIM-A), wherein a review of various FOPNL models was done before instituting the on-field survey. On the basis of the findings of the study, the matter was deliberated in a stakeholders' meeting where Health Star Ratings as Front of Pack Nutritional Labelling was recommended.

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