

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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QUALITY CHECK OF FOOD PRODUCTS

3470. DR. K. LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of how the quality of packaged food products is controlled by Government and the standards/measures on which these products are tested;
- (b) whether Government has any details of revenue from packaged food product industry of foreign companies during the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a): Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been mandated for laying down science based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import and to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.

Under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (FSS Act 2006), FSSAI develop science based standards of food articles to ensure availability of safe food for human consumption. The quality and safety standards developed for food products including packaged food products etc. are required to be complied by Food Business Operators. The packaged food products are tested for their respective quality and safety parameters, namely, heavy metals, contaminants, microbiological parameters etc. as prescribed in Food Safety and Standards Regulations. The quality of imported consignment of packaged food products is checked as per Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation through the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) brings out annual data covering registered manufacturing sector in India including the food processing sector. Data on revenue from packaged food industry is not brought out in this survey. Further, no details of revenue from packaged food product industry of foreign companies are available with FSSAI.
