

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3446  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2017**

**CLEARANCE FOR FOOD PRODUCTS**

**3446. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:  
SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:  
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:  
SHRI INNOCENT:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several food products which could not get clearance from the Ministry are freely sold/available in the market and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether such food products are posing health hazard to the citizens and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government maintains a record of presence of toxic and hazardous substances in the food products and health hazards caused thereto and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the current machinery is being ineffective to address the problem and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) & (b): Only food products for which standards are specified in various Regulations under the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006 are permitted to be manufactured/sold/imported in India. It is the responsibility of the States/UTs to ensure that products which do not meet the prescribed standards and are potentially hazardous for human health are not allowed to be manufactured/distributed/sold/imported.

(c): No such record is maintained by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

(d): No. As per information made available by the States/UT Governments, details of action taken against erring food business operators during last two years are as under:-

<b>Year</b>	<b>2015-16*</b>	<b>2106-17<sup>@</sup></b>
No. of cases launched	9979	4694
No. of convictions	540	288
No. of cases involving penalties	3669	1049
Amount raised	Rs.21,65,98,989	Rs.4,49,43,648-

\* information not received from Jharkhand, Lakshadweep, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, and half yearly report received from Jammu & Kashmir

@ information not received from Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Daman & Diu, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Sikkim, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.