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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 29 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2017

CONSUMPTION OF PACKAGED FOOD ITEMS

29. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

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

(a) whether the Government has taken note of a research study which has revealed that the consumption of packaged food items is leading to increased heart ailments and diabetes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a) to (c): Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has informed that it has not carried out any research study on consumption of packaged food leading to increased heart ailments and diabetes. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is revising its labelling regulations and its draft includes mandatory declaration of total fat, added sugar, salt, trans fat and energy per serving alongwith its contribution to Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) on front and back of the pack.

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