

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3192  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018**

**THIRD PARTY FOOD SAFETY AUDIT**

**3192. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated the process of getting third party safety audit of food conducted in various places of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto;
- (c) whether the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has empanelled national and international agencies to audit food safety and hygiene standards of canteens, cafeterias and hostel mess of several IITs and IIMs; and
- (d) if so, the details of the agencies who are involved in the said audit?

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

(a): Yes. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has initiated the process of getting third party food safety audit of food units under various central institutions under the draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Safety Auditing) Regulations, 2017.

(b): FSSAI has granted Provisional Recognition as Food Safety Auditing Agency to 15 auditing agencies in accordance with the criteria laid down under the draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Safety Auditing) Regulations, 2017 after approval by the Food Authority, to create pool of Auditing Agencies that could be used for audit of food businesses. The list of agencies granted Provisional Recognition along with their respective scope of auditing is at **Annexure- I**. Objectives of these Food Safety Audits are:

- a) to strengthen the food safety surveillance system;
- b) to reduce the regulatory Food Safety Inspections conducted by Central/State Licensing Authorities in case of satisfactory third party audits; and
- c) to encourage self compliance among FBOs as they may opt for voluntary audits .

(c) & (d): Yes. FSSAI has recognised 15 food safety auditing agencies under the draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Safety Auditing) Regulations, 2017. The list of agencies who have volunteered for food safety audit of higher educational institutes is at **Annexure II**.

List of Auditing Agencies granted Provisional Recognition as Food Safety Auditing Agencies under draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Safety Auditing) Regulations, 2017 along with their scope of audit are:

S. No.	Name of Auditing Agency	Scope of Auditing (Kind of Businesses)
1	Onecert International Private Limited	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (vi)Other sectors** 2.Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage 3.Food Transport 4.Food Retail and Distribution/Supplier 6.E-Commerce
2	Bureau Veritas (India) Private Limited	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (ii)Slaughter Houses (iii)Meat and Poultry Processing Units (iv) Egg and egg Products (v) Fish and Fish Products (vi)Other sectors** 2.Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage 3. Food Transport 4. Food Retail and Distribution/Supplier 5. Food Catering 6. E-Commerce
3	BSI Group India Private Limited	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (ii)Slaughter Houses (iii)Meat and Poultry Processing Units (iv) Egg and egg Products (v) Fish and Fish Products (vi)Other sectors** 2.Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage 3. Food Transport 4. Food Retail and Distribution/Supplier 5. Food Catering 6. E-Commerce
4	Indocert	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (v)Fish and Fish Products (vi)Other sectors** 2.Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage

5	DNV GL Business Assurance	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (ii)Slaughter Houses (iii)Meat and Poultry Processing Units (iv) Egg and egg Products (v) Fish and Fish Products (vi)Other sectors** 2.Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage 3. Food Transport 4. Food Retail and Distribution/Supplier 5. Food Catering 6. E-Commerce
6	Intertek India Pvt Limited	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (ii)Slaughter Houses (iii)Meat and Poultry Processing Units (iv) Egg and egg Products (v) Fish and Fish Products (vi)Other sectors** 2.Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage 3. Food Transport 4. Food Retail and Distribution/Supplier 5. Food Catering
7	IRCLASS Systems and Solutions Private Limited	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (ii)Slaughter Houses (iii)Meat and Poultry Processing Units (iv) Egg and egg Products (v) Fish and Fish Products (vi)Other sectors** 2.Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage 3. Food Transport 4. Food Retail and Distribution/Supplier 5. Food Catering 6. E-Commerce
8	RIR Certification Private Limited	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (ii)Slaughter Houses (iii)Meat and Poultry Processing Units (iv) Egg and egg Products (v) Fish and Fish Products (vi)Other sectors** 2.Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage 3. Food Transport 4. Food Retail and Distribution/Supplier 5. Food Catering 6. E-Commerce

9	TUV India Private Limited	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (ii)Slaughter Houses (iii)Meat and Poultry Processing Units (iv) Egg and egg Products (v) Fish and Fish Products (vi)Other sectors** 2.Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage 4. Food Retail and Distribution/Supplier 5. Food Catering
10	TUV Rheinland (India) Private Limited	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (vi)Other sectors** 2.Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage 3.Food Transport 5.Food Catering
11	MS Certification Services Private Limited	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (ii)Slaughter Houses (iii)Meat and Poultry Processing Units (iv) Egg and egg Products (v) Fish and Fish Products (vi)Other sectors** 2.Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage 3. Food Transport 4. Food Retail and Distribution/Supplier 5. Food Catering 6. E-Commerce
12	SGS India Pvt Ltd	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (v)Fish and Fish Products (vi)Other sectors** 5.Food Catering
13	Lloyds Register Quality Assurance Limited	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy, (ii)Slaughter Houses (iii)Meat and Poultry Processing Units (iv) Egg and egg Products (v) Fish and Fish Products (vi)Other sectors** 2.Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage 3. Food Transport 4. Food Retail and Distribution/Supplier 5. Food Catering 6. E-Commerce
14	BIS	1.Food Processing (i)Dairy

15	URS Certification Ltd	1. Food Processing (i) Dairy, (ii) Slaughter Houses (iii) Meat and Poultry Processing Units (iv) Egg and egg Products (v) Fish and Fish Products (vi) Other sectors** 2. Food Storage/warehouse/cold storage 3. Food Transport 4. Food Retail and Distribution/Supplier 5. Food Catering 6. E-Commerce
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\*\* Other Sectors includes e.g. Bakery, Edible Oil, Fruit & Vegetable processing, ready to eat/cook etc.

The list of provisionally recognised agencies for conducting the Food Safety Audit of the following institutions on a pilot basis is:

S.No.	Name of Central Institution	Name and Contact Details of Auditing Agency
01	IIM Ahmedabad	DNV GL Business Assurance. Equinox Business Park, Tower 3, 6th Floor, Off BKC, LBS Road, Kurla West, Mumbai – 400 070, India
02	IISc Bangalore	Bureau Veritas(India) Private Limited F-4, Sector-3, Noida- 201301
03	AIIMS Delhi	Intertek India Pvt Limited E-20, Block B1, Mohan Cooperative Industrial Estate, Mathura Road, ND 110044
04	IIM Kozhikode	-do-
05	IIT Delhi	-do-
06	IIT Mumbai	IRCLASS Systems and Solutions Private Limited 52A, Adi Shankaracharya Marg, 2nd Floor, New Wing, Opp. Powai Lake, Powai, Mumbai-400 072
07	IIT Guwahati	MS Certification Services Private Limited 3/23, RK Chatterjee Road, Kolkata-700042
08	IISER Kolkata	-do-
09	IIT Chennai	SGS India Pvt Ltd Ecospace, Block – 3A, 2nd Floor, East Wing, Premises IIF/ 11, Action Area –II, Rajarhat, NewTown,Kolkata 700156
10	AIIMS Jodhpur	-do-
11	IIT Roorkee	RIR Certification Private Limited, A-210, Unitech Archadia, South City-II, Sec-49, Gurgaon- 122018
12	IIT Kanpur	-do-