

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.332  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

**STAR RATING FOR PROCESSED FOOD**

**332. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is considering to launch a star rating system for identifying ultra processed food;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is aware that according to a recent survey, 7 in 10 respondents believe the current practise of colour codes on labels is more effective than a star rating system; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

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

(a) to (d): Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in September, 2022 has notified the draft of Food Safety and Standards (Labelling & Display) Amendment Regulations which is available at [https://fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Draft\\_Notification\\_HFSS\\_20\\_09\\_2022.pdf](https://fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Draft_Notification_HFSS_20_09_2022.pdf).

These amendment regulations propose a definition of foods with high content of fat, sugar and salt (HFSS Food) and also front-of- pack labelling of packaged foods (except for certain foods for which exemptions have been provided) with an Indian Nutrition Rating (INR).

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