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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3012 TO BE ANSWERED ON $6^{\rm TH}$ DECEMBER, 2019

EXPORT OF FOOD ITEMS UNDER FOOD REGULATOR

3012. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU: SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the country's food regulator to bring export of food items under its purview;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Government thereon?

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

(a) to (c): Yes. Export is not included in the ambit of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 explicitly to ensure safety of food. It has been proposed by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to bring the 'export' under FSS Act so that there is mandate to regulate the same. The proposal is under consideration.