

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4373
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2020**

FOOD TESTING LABS

4373. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

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

- (a) the details of food testing laboratories which can detect/test the content of Trans-fat in the food effectively in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of laboratories set up/proposed to be set up to ensure food quality during the last three years, State/UT-wise especially in Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan; and
- (c) the time by which the said laboratories are likely to be set up?

ANSWER

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

(a): As informed by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), at present, there are 111 Food Laboratories which can detect /test the content of Trans-fat in the food in the country. The details of these food testing laboratories, State/UT-wise, is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) to (c): State Food Testing Laboratories (SFTLs) are set up by respective State/UT Governments. However, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is implementing a Central Sector Scheme for “*Strengthening of Food Testing System in the Country including Provision of Mobile Food Testing Labs*” since 2016-17. Under the Scheme, 39 SFTLs of 29 States/UTs have been taken up for upgradation. This includes upgradation of one SFTL in Punjab (Kharar), 2 SFTLs in Tamil Nadu (Chennai & Madurai) and 3 SFTLs in Rajasthan (Jaipur, Jodhpur & Udaipur).

Also, FSSAI recognizes and notifies Food Testing Laboratories under Section 43(1) of Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006, Rules and Regulations made therein to analyse the food samples ensuring quality of food testing in the country. During the last three years viz. 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-2020 (till date), 68 Food testing laboratories have been recognized and notified under Section 43(1). Details of these laboratories, State/UT-wise, are at **Annexure-II**.

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Annexure-I

Details of Food testing Laboratories, State/UT wise, for detection of Trans-Fat in food products

S. No.	State/UT	Number of Laboratories
1	Andhra Pradesh	03
2	GNCT of Delhi	16
3	Gujarat	05
4	Haryana	12
5	Himachal Pradesh	01
6	Karnataka	06
7	Kerala	07
8	Maharashtra	23
9	Punjab	01
10	Rajasthan	02
11	Tamil Nadu	20
12	Telangana	04
13	Uttar Pradesh	05
14	Uttarakhand	01
15	West Bengal	05
	Total	111

Annexure-II

The details of the food testing laboratories, State/UT-wise, notified and recognised by FSSAI during last three years (1st April, 2017 till date)

S. No.	State/UT	No. of laboratories
1.	Andhra Pradesh	05
2.	GNCT of Delhi	08
3.	Gujarat	07
4.	Haryana	03
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	01
6.	Jharkhand	01
7.	Karnataka	02
8.	Kerala	09
9.	Madhya Pradesh	03
10.	Maharashtra	09
11.	Rajasthan	02
12.	Tamil Nadu	04
13.	Telangana	04
14.	Tripura	01
15.	Uttar Pradesh	04
16.	West Bengal	05
	Total	68