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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2764 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH March, 2021

PORTAL FOR COMPLAINTS OF FOOD ADULTERATION CASES

2764. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI: SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- (a) whether there is a Government portal for registering complaints pertaining to presence of harmful chemicals in the food items; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has an online grievance portal namely 'Food Safety Connect' where a consumer can register complaint relating to the food articles, including presence of harmful chemicals in food items. The portal to register complaint is https://foscos.fssai.gov.in/consumergrievance. On submission of complaint/grievance, a unique reference ID is generated which is sent to the complainant by email/SMS for tracking status of grievance. The grievance received is forwarded to concerned Food Business Operator (FBO) /State Designated Officer for taking necessary remedial action.

The status of consumer grievance is monitored by FSSAI through quarterly report submitted by State/UT Governments which are also taken up with States in the meeting of Central Advisory Committee (CAC), where Food Safety Commissioners of all States/UTs are represented.