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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1947 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND AUGUST, 2024

FOOD SAFETY LICENCES

1947. SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR: SHRI RAVINDRA SHUKLA ALIAS RAVI KISHAN: SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA.

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

(a) the steps taken by the Government to speed up the process of registration for issuance of food safety licences; and

(b) the manner in which the said steps are likely to enhance the ease of doing business along with the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) & (b): In order to facilitate ease of doing business, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been taking several steps in the area of registration and licensing of food businesses. The same includes, digitalisation of issuance of registration and licensing pan India through online portal called Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS). In the year 2023, FSSAI introduced provisions for the instant renewal of licenses and registrations, as well as immediate modifications in Licenses/Registration regarding addition-deletion of certain food categories.

Further, on 28th June, 2024, FSSAI has also introduced a new provision for the instant issuance of licenses and registrations. This allows certain food businesses to receive their licenses or registrations instantly through the Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS) by submitting relevant documents and contingent upon digital verification through GST, CIN, PAN etc.

These initiative aims to benefit large number of food businesses by reducing the time and complexity for fostering a more supportive and efficient business environment.

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