

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 517  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2016**

**FOOD TESTING LABORATORIES**

**517. SHRI R.P. MARUTHARAJAA:**

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

- (a) whether the State run food testing laboratories need major revamp for ensuring food safety and standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has implemented the recommendations of 14th Finance Commission on it; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with its present status?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

- (a) & (b): The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has stated that most of the State Food Laboratories need to be upgraded in terms of infrastructure, equipment and trained manpower.
- (c): No grant for food testing laboratories has specifically been recommended by the Fourteenth Finance Commission.
- (d): Does not arise.

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