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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 997 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2016

FORTIFICATION OF FOOD

997. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT: SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO: SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE: SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been assigned the mandate to formulate standards for fortification of foodgrains; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereon?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) & (b): Under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has been established, interalia, for laying down science based standards for articles of food. Standards for fortified Atta and Maida are prescribed under regulation 2.4.1(2) and 2.4.2 (2) of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. Further, laying down/revision of standards for food items, including food grains, is a continuous process.