**NORMS OF TAKING SAMPLES**

16, SH. JAGBIR SINGH MALIK, MLA (Gohana):

Will the Health Minister be pleased to state:-

(a) Whether there are any norms of Government for taking samples of eatables; if so, the target of each District and whether it is achieved; if not, the action taken against erring officials since 2015 up to date; and

1. The number of samples failed and cases filed in the Courts and persons convicted by the courts since 2015 up to date togetherwith the district wise details thereof?

**Anil Vij, Health Minister**

1. Food & Drugs Administration Department has fixed a target for taking 30 food samples per month per Food Safety Officer from their respective District on 07.03.2012 and further clarified vide letter dated 18.09.2018. In compliance of D.O. letter dated 28.04.2023 received from Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety & Standards Authority of India, New Delhi, Food & Drugs Administration, Department, Haryana has fixed a target of 25 surveillance samples, 15 enforcement samples and 20 No. of inspections per month per Food Safety Officer, vide this office letter no. 3/1(FSO Target)-1Food-II/2023/1997-2042 dated 26.07.2023. The matter is regularly discussed in Central Advisory Committee (Government of India) and observed that the Food Safety Officers have to perform many other duties like to attend Court Cases in the Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Additional Deputy Commissioner Court in Adjudication Cases, inspections, workshops for awareness, surprise raids, special drives, VVIP duties, Registration of Food Business Operators and have to promote various Schemes launched by Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to implement the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 in concerned State. Therefore, FSSAI has advised to take 08 to 14 food samples per month per Food Safety Officer.

The detail of targets fixed by FSSAI for Haryana State and achieved by Food Safety Officers of Haryana State are as under:-

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| Year | Target of Food Samples for Haryana State | Food samples taken by Food Safety Officers of Haryana State during the year | % Shortfall (-)/  Excess (+) |
| 2015-16 | - | 2515 | Target not fixed by FSSAI |
| 2016-17 | - | 2217 | Target not fixed by FSSAI |
| 2017-18 | - | 2545 | Target not fixed by FSSAI |
| 2018-19 | 3500 | 2992 | (-) 14.52% |
| 2019-20 | 3000 | 2409 | (-) 19.7% |
| 2020-21 | 1500 | 2547 | (+) 69.8% |
| 2021-22 | - | 4325 | Target not fixed by FSSAI |
| 2022-23 | - | 4392 | Target not fixed by FSSAI |

The targets fixed by Food & Drugs Administration Department could not be achieved by Food Safety Officers, due to acute shortage of Food Safety Officers in Haryana State. At present out of 45 sanctioned posts of Food Safety Officers out of which only 02 posts are filled and 43 posts are lying vacant. Hence, the Department has filled 16 posts of Food Safety Officers on deputation basis for achieving the target of food samples. The Food Safety Officers have achieved the targets fixed by FSSAI during the year 2020-21 and onwards. It shows that now the Food Safety Officers in Haryana State are achieving their targets. However, the Department has sent requisition for 41 vacant posts of Food Safety Officers to Haryana Public Service Commission, which is under process of Haryana Public Service Commission.

(b) Sir, a statement is placed on the table of the House.

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