



Steps taken by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India to ensure food safety in the canteens of various states, union territories and government offices in the national capital

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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is imparting Food Safety Certification (FoSTaC) safety training to food handlers in canteens of various states, union territories and government offices in the national capital as part of its efforts to ensure food safety across the country.

The regulatory body has so far conducted training sessions in four Bhawans including Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Sikkim in New Delhi, through which necessary training has been imparted to all food handling staff of these Bhawans. Additionally, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) in North Block has also conducted training. The objective of these training programs is to enhance food safety standards in canteens of State/UT buildings and government office buildings.

This initiative is being implemented in line with the announcement "Training of 25 Lakh Food Business Operators by FSSAI in Next 3 Years" made by the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare on 7th June 2023 on the occasion of World Food Safety Day.

Background:

FoSTaC is a flagship initiative created by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India to train food handling personnel involved in the food business. These training programs in the food industries of various states, union territories and government offices in the national capital include food safety regulations, personal hygiene, allergy (adverse reaction) management, food handling and control, documentation and record keeping, nomination, and various emerging training methods in the field. Topics include.Participants who successfully complete the training will be awarded a Food Safety Supervisor (FSS) certificate

recognized across India. In the financial year 2023-24, a total of 3,58,224 food handlers have been imparted this training under FoSTaC program across the country so far.

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