

Chapter 12

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SAFETY

12.1 Introduction

Since its creation in the year 1977, the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration was implementing PFA Act, 1954 till 04/08/2011 and thereafter this Act was replaced by Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 which is being implemented since 05/08/2011.

Food Safety Act, 2006 has been implemented w.e.f. 05.08.2011, consequently the notification for change of name of department from Directorate of Prevention of Food Adulteration to 'Department of Food Safety' has been issued.

Various activities undertaken by the department have been as under :

12.2 Achievements of Department During Financial Year 2012-13

Department of PFA was not issuing any license under PFA Act. However for the first time, since March 2013 the Department has started accepting applications for grant of license and issuing licenses to food business operators under FSS Act, 2006. The Process has been started manually although there is insufficient staff and infrastructure available for this purpose.

12.3 Food Lab

Food laboratory of the Department of food safety analysis food samples as per standards laid down under the food safety and standards Act, 2006. During the year 2012-13 the total no. of sample analysed were 1673 and out of these total 161 violation cases were found.

The laboratory of the Department has got accreditation from National Accreditation Board for testing and calibration laboratories and amongst the few states laboratories in the country which is NABL Accredited. It is used as reference lab for food samples being lifted for various VVIP Establishments like PM House and President House.

The Department is also planning to establish two more district food labs and one mobile food lab.

12.4 Achievement of Prosecution Branch

Prosecution branch is dealing in prosecution files FSS Act. There are two class of offenses one is unsafe and other is misbranded, substandard or containing extraneous matter. In last one year consent granted in case found in contravention of Act are as under:

January 2012 to December 2012	unsafe-30 cases Others-96
January 2013 to July 2013	unsafe-32 Other-52
Conviction at Patiala House	
January 2012 to December 2012	Total Conviction were 61
January 2013 to July 2013	26 Conviction.

During the financial year 2012-13, Sixty two (62) cases have reputed in conviction & fine of Rs. Fifteen lakh & Twenty Five thousand (Rs. 15,25,000/-) has been received in state exchequer.

The web portal of the department <http://foodsafety.delhigovt.nic.in> provides exhaustive information of the Department. Any citizen can see the details as well as the sample analysis report of samples lifted for testing. Citizen can lodge complaint on the web portal regarding the quality of food being sold and can also view the status of their complaint.

12.5 Consumer Awareness/Education

For the purpose of consumer education Department released advertisement for general awareness among public. The Department has been participating in perfect health melas and also distributes publicity material.