

Questionnaire for the Central Regulator (FSSAI)

E-mail id:

Name:

Organisation:

Designation:

Management level:

Senior

Middle

Question 1: Is the current status of Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in the country adequate?

Yes

No

Question 2: If answer to Question no.1 is NO, then what are the reasons for inadequate Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in the country? Please tick against the reasons that are most relevant.

Lack of proper forecasting of the requirement

Inadequate/Paucity of funds

Lack of trained manpower

Lack of training

Question 3: Is the existing food risk assessment mechanism adequate to ensure safe food?

Yes

No

Question 4: Has any Total Diet Study been conducted in the country?

Yes

No

Question 5: If answer to Question 4 is YES, then please share the link/URL where it is available.

Question 6: Whether food monitoring & surveillance system (IT based or non-IT based) has been implemented in the country including the imported food received at the various ports?

Yes (IT based)

No

Yes (Non- IT based)

No

Question 7: If answer to question 6 is YES, then has it been integrated with the epidemiological data {Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)} of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Health Management Information System (HMIS)} of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues (AINPPR) of the Ministry of Agriculture ?

Yes

No

Question 8: If answer to question no.7 is NO than are there any plans to integrate the various stand-alone elements to develop & implement an integrated risk assessment system like the National Food Risk Assessment Centre (NFSRAC) that leads to a strong risk analysis framework?

Yes

No

Question 9: Has the National Food Safety Policy been articulated?

Yes

No

Question 10: Has a study been done of the risk analysis framework put in place by other countries? If YES, then which of the following countries:

Australia (Food Standards Australia & New Zealand)

Canada (Canadian Food Inspection Agency)

China (Food and Drug Administration)

European Union (European Food Safety Authority)

United States of America (Food Safety & Inspection Service of USDA)

Any other country

Questionnaire for the State Food Safety Regulators

E-mail id:

Name:

Organisation:

Designation:

Management level:

Senior

Middle

Question 1: Is the current status of Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in your State adequate?

Yes

No

Question 2: If answer to Question no.1 is NO, then what are the reasons for inadequate Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing? Please tick against the reasons that are most relevant.

Lack of proper forecasting of the requirement

Inadequate/Paucity of funds

Lack of trained manpower

Lack of training

Question 3: How many State Food testing laboratories are functional in your state?

1-2

2-4

More than 5

Question 4: Are these State Food testing laboratories NABL accredited?

Yes

No

Question 5: If answer to Question 4 is YES, then how many are NABL accredited? Please give the number.

1

2

More than 3

None

Question 6: How many FSSAI accredited private Food testing laboratories are there in your state?

1-5

6-10

More than 10

Question 7: Whether food monitoring & surveillance system is functional in your State? Yes

No

Question 8: If answer to question 7 is YES, then on an average how many samples are collected and tested in a month?

10-30

31-50

51-70

71-100

More than 100

Question 9: Are the results of food monitoring and surveillance made available to the FSSAI? If yes, then how?

Sent by E-mail

Hard copy by post

Uploaded on portal developed by FSSAI? If any

Not shared

Question 10: Are the results of food monitoring and surveillance made available to the consumers?

If yes, then share the link/URL where these are available

No

Questionnaire for the Food Industry including consultancy firms

E-mail id:

Name:

Organisation:

Designation:

Management level:

Senior

Middle

Lower

Type of Industry

Large

Medium

Small

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Lack of proper forecasting of the requirement

Inadequate/Paucity of funds

Lack of trained manpower

Lack of training

Question 3: Do you think FSSAI is implementing science based Risk Analysis before preparing any regulation, guideline or related text?

Yes

No

Question 4: If answer to question 3 is YES then is the existing food risk assessment mechanism adequate to ensure safe food?

Yes

No

Question 5: Has Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) been implemented by the FSSAI?

Yes

No

Question 6: If answer to Question 5 is NO then do you think RIA should be implemented before regulations are framed by the regulator?

Yes

No

Question 7: Do you, as part of your organization, conduct any impact assessment of the new regulations for your product categories?

Yes

No

Not relevant

Question 8: Do you think FSSAI is doing a strong surveillance of the food products in the market?

Yes

No

Sometimes

Question 9: If answer to Question 8 is NO, then whether IT based food monitoring & surveillance system should be implemented in the country including the imported food received at the various ports?

Yes

No

Question 10: Do you think there is a need to have an integrated system for risk analysis that has epidemiological data {Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)} of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Health Management Information System (HMIS)} of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues (AINPPR) of the Ministry of Agriculture or any other premier research institute of the country?

Yes

No

Questionnaire for the National Institute of Nutrition

E-mail id:

Name:

Organisation:

Designation:

Management level:

Senior

Middle

Question 1: Is the current status of Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in the country adequate?

Yes

No

Question 2: If answer to Question no.1 is NO, then what are the reasons for inadequate Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in the country? Please tick against the reasons that are most relevant.

Lack of proper forecasting of the requirement

Inadequate/Paucity of funds

Lack of trained manpower

Lack of training

Question 3: How many laboratories with food testing capability are there in your institute? 1-3

4-6

More than 6

Question 4: Are all the laboratories NABL accredited?

Yes

No

Question 5: Has any Total Diet Study been conducted in the country at a pan India level?

Yes

No

Question 6: If answer to Question 5 is YES, then please share the link/URL where it is available.

Question 7: Is the existing food risk assessment mechanism adequate to ensure safe food in the country?

Yes

No

Question 8: Is the epidemiological data {Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)} of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC),Health Management Information System (HMIS)} of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues (AINPPR) of the Ministry of Agriculture shared with NIN ?

Yes

No

Question 9: If answer to question no.8 is NO then do you think there is a need to integrate the various stand-alone elements to develop & implement an integrated risk assessment system like the National Food Risk Assessment Centre (NFSRAC) that leads to a strong risk analysis framework?

Yes

No

Question 10: Does NIN share any data emerging from its studies/analysis with FSSAI on a regular basis through a formal arrangement?

Yes

No

Questionnaire for the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)

E-mail id:

Name:

Organisation:

Designation:

Management level:

Senior

Middle

Question 1: Is the current status of Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in the country adequate?

Yes

No

Question 2: If answer to Question no.1 is NO, then what are the reasons for inadequate Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in the country? Please tick against the reasons that are most relevant.

Lack of proper forecasting of the requirement

Inadequate/Paucity of funds

Lack of trained manpower

Lack of training

Question 3: How many food testing laboratories are there in your institute?

1-3

4-6

More than 6

Question 4: Are all the laboratories NABL accredited?

Yes

No

Some

Question 5: Does Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) of NCDC cover all the States/UTs in the country?

Yes

No

Question 6: Does the data collected by IDSP on food borne illnesses also collect data about disease outbreak on consuming street vended food?

Yes

No

Question 7: Does IDSP share its data with FSSAI through a formal arrangement?

Yes

No

Question 8: Are regular meetings held with FSSAI to discuss the food borne illnesses and its public health impact?

Yes

No

Question 9: Do you think the epidemiological data {Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)} of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC),Health Management Information System (HMIS)} of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues (AINPPR) of the Ministry of Agriculture or data from any premier research institute should be shared with FSSAI?

Yes

No

Question 10: If answer to question no.9 is YES then do you think there is a need to integrate the various stand-alone elements to develop & implement an integrated risk assessment system like the National Food Risk Assessment Centre (NFSRAC) that leads to a strong risk analysis framework?

Yes

No

**Questionnaire for the All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues
(AINPPR)**

E-mail id:

Name:

Organisation:

Designation:

Management level:

Senior

Middle

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Yes

No

Question 2: If answer to Question no.1 is NO, then what are the reasons for inadequate Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in the country? Please tick against the reasons that are most relevant.

Lack of proper forecasting of the requirement

Inadequate/Paucity of funds

Lack of trained manpower

Lack of training

Question 3: How many testing laboratories are there in your network?

Up to 10

10-30

31-50

More than 50

Question 4: Are all the laboratories NABL accredited?

Yes

No

Question 5: Is the data on pesticide residues collected on an All India basis?

Yes

No

Question 6: If answer to Question 5 is YES, then please share the link/URL where it is available.

Question 7: Is the existing food risk assessment mechanism adequate to ensure safe food in the country?

Yes

No

Question 8: Is the epidemiological data {Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)} of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC),Health Management Information System (HMIS)} of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, or any other institute like NIN, CFTRI shared with All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues (AINPPR) of the Ministry of Agriculture?

Yes

No

Question 9: If answer to question no.8 is NO then do you think there is a need to integrate the various stand-alone elements to develop & implement an integrated risk assessment system like the National Food Risk Assessment Centre (NFSRAC) that leads to a strong risk analysis framework?

Yes

No

Question 10: Dos AINPPR share any data emerging from its studies/analysis with FSSAI on a regular basis through a formal arrangement?

Yes

No

Questionnaire for the Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR)

E-mail id:

Name:

Organisation:

Designation:

Management level:

Senior

Middle

Question 1: Is the current status of Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in the country adequate?

Yes

No

Question 2: If answer to Question no.1 is NO, then what are the reasons for inadequate Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in the country? Please tick against the reasons that are most relevant.

Lack of proper forecasting of the requirement

Inadequate/Paucity of funds

Lack of trained manpower

Lack of training

Question 3: How many testing laboratories are there in your institute?

1-3

4-6

More than 6

Question 4: Are all the laboratories NABL accredited?

Yes

No

Question 5: Has any pan India level study been conducted by your institute to quantify potential toxic agents in different matrices in food?

Yes

No

Question 6: If answer to Question 5 is YES, then please share the link/URL where it is available.

Question 7: Is the existing food risk assessment mechanism adequate to ensure safe food in the country?

Yes

No

Question 8: Is the epidemiological data {Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)} of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC),Health Management Information System (HMIS)} of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues (AINPPR) of the Ministry of Agriculture being shared with IITR ?

Yes

No

Question 9: If answer to question no.8 is NO then do you think there is a need to integrate the various stand-alone elements to develop & implement an integrated risk assessment system like the National Food Risk Assessment Centre (NFSRAC) that leads to a strong risk analysis framework?

Yes

No

Question 10: Dos IITR share any data emerging from its studies/analysis with FSSAI on a regular basis through a formal arrangement?

Yes

No

Questionnaire for the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI)

E-mail id:

Name:

Organisation:

Designation:

Management level:

Senior

Middle

Question 1: Is the current status of Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in the country adequate?

Yes

No

Question 2: If answer to Question no.1 is NO, then what are the reasons for inadequate Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in the country? Please tick against the reasons that are most relevant.

Lack of proper forecasting of the requirement

Inadequate/Paucity of funds

Lack of trained manpower

Lack of training

Question 3: How many laboratories with food testing capability are there in your institute?

1-3

4-6

More than 6

Question 4: Are all the laboratories NABL accredited?

Yes

No

Question 5: Has any study on food safety practices at a pan-India level been conducted by CFRTI?

Yes

No

Question 6: If answer to Question 5 is YES, then please share the link/URL where it is available.

Question 7: Is the existing food risk assessment mechanism adequate to ensure safe food in the country?

Yes

No

Question 8: Is the epidemiological data {Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)} of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC),Health Management Information System (HMIS)} of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues (AINPPR) of the Ministry of Agriculture or any other institute like NIN shared with CFTRI ?

Yes

No

Question 9: If answer to question no.8 is NO then do you think there is a need to integrate the various stand-alone elements to develop & implement an integrated risk assessment system like the National Food Risk Assessment Centre (NFSRAC) that leads to a strong risk analysis framework?

Yes

No

Question 10: Dos CFTRI share any data emerging from its studies/analysis with FSSAI on a regular basis through a formal arrangement?

Yes

No

Questionnaire for the Food Scientists/ Researchers

E-mail id:

Name:

Organisation:

Designation:

Management level:

Senior

Middle

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Yes

No

Question 2: If answer to Question no.1 is NO, then what are the reasons for inadequate Laboratory & Analytical capabilities for food testing in the country? Please tick against the reasons that are most relevant.

Lack of proper forecasting of the requirement

Inadequate/Paucity of funds

Lack of trained manpower

Lack of training

Question 3: Do you think FSSAI is implementing science based Risk Analysis before preparing any regulation, guideline or related text?

Yes

No

Question 4: If answer to question 3 is YES then is the existing food risk assessment mechanism adequate to ensure safe food?

Yes

No

Question 5: Whether food monitoring & surveillance system has been implemented in the country including the imported food received at the various ports?

Yes

No

Question 6: If answer to question 6 is YES, then has it been integrated with the epidemiological data {Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)} of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Health Management Information System (HMIS) of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and All India Network Project on Pesticide Residues (AINPPR) of the Ministry of Agriculture or any other premier research institute of the country?

Yes

No

Question 7: If answer to question no.6 is NO then do you think various stand-alone elements should be integrated as an integrated risk assessment system like the National Food Risk Assessment Centre (NFSRAC) that leads to a strong risk analysis framework?

Yes

No

Question 8: Do you think enough research is being done in the country on the subject of food safety including the food borne illness burden?

Yes

No

Question 9: If answer to Question 8 is NO then what areas of food safety require focused research? Tick the relevant area/s.

Burden of food borne illness in the country including Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

Total diet study including exposure assessment

Fats/oils in cooked/ processed food and its impact on health

Use of additives in processed in food

Food High in Fats, Sugar and Salt (HFSS) & NCDs

Pesticide residues in food

Contaminants in food

Shelf-life studies

Anti-Microbial resistance (AMR)

Food fortification

Question 10: Who should fund research in these areas? Tick the relevant organisation (s).

FSSAI

CSIR

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Ministry of Science & Technology

Department of Biotechnology

Private sector

Public-Private collaboration

Questionnaire for the consumers

E-mail id:

Name:

Age:

Educational qualification:

Illiterate

Up to 10th Class

Up to 12th Class

Graduate

Post-Graduate

Profession:

Government

Private

Self-employed

Any other

State where residing in

Question 1: Are you aware about the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 & Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the food regulator in the country?

Yes

No

Question 2: If answer to Question 1 is YES then how did you become aware about FSSAI?

Electronic Media (TV & Radio)

Print Media

Internet

Word by mouth

FSSAI logo on packaged food

Advertisement by FSSAI

Question 3: Are you aware about the roles and responsibilities of FSSAI?

Yes

No

Question 4: If answer to Question 3 is YES, then what according to you are the responsibilities of FSSAI?

Ensuring safe food in the country

Setting standards for food

Ensuring safety of imported food

Coordinating with all stakeholders including industry to ensure food safety

Informing consumers about food safety risks

Question 5: Are you aware that your State has a Food Safety Commissioner?

Yes

No

Question 6: Do you think FSSAI/ State Authorities have been able to undertake their responsibilities in an appropriate manner?

Yes

No

Question 7: If answer to Question 6 is NO then what according to you are the reasons for their failure to meet their responsibilities? Tick on the appropriate reason/s given below:

Lack of vision

Fragmented strategy to address complex area of food safety

Lack of governance including corruption issues

Inadequate planning

Paucity of funds

Lack of adequate manpower

Question 8: Do you think an IT based food monitoring & surveillance system should be implemented in the country including the imported food received at the various ports?

Yes

No

Question 9: Have you come across any advisory/communication/booklets issued by FSSAI directed towards consumers on the food safety and various associated risks?

Yes

No

Question 10: If answer to Question 9 is YES, please share the URL/link of such an advisory.