



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health Department - Commissionerate of Food Safety - Addressing of gaps in the food safety ecosystem - MOU signed between FSSAI and State of Kerala - Shifting to the new system of 100% FSSAI funding from the current system of 60:40 sharing and signing of MOU - Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (P) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1450/2024/H&FWD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 15-06-2024

Read 1 GO(Rt)No.799/2024/H&FWD dated 15.03.2024

- 2 Government letter No.P3/22/2023-Health dated 04.05.2023 to Commissioner of Food Safety
- 3 Letter No.CFS/285/2024-C1 dated 05.02.2024 from the Commissioner of Food Safety

ORDER

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) provides support to states by signing MOU with States and Union Territories to address gaps in the food safety ecosystem of the States/Union Territories, under which FSSAI has been providing financial support for implementation of Annual Work Plan. At present for the State of Kerala, the MOU works under 60:40 ratio for FSSAI and the state share respectively.

2. In the interim, the Commissioner of Food Safety (CFS) vide letter cited as paper 3rd above, has informed that there are various issues related to the present 60:40 ratio system and hence has proposed to shift to 100% CSS from the Financial Year 2024-25 where FSSAI will provide 100% support to implement the activities under MOU, in lieu the State will have to surrender 75% of the revenue against the license and registration fee. Commissioner of Food Safety has also requested to accord approval to proceed with signing of MOU Work Plan for the Financial Year 2024-25 under the new system (shift to

100% CSS). Details of the proposed system is as follows:

Difference between present and proposed system

| Present System (60:40 ratio) | Proposed system (100% CSS) |
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| FSSAI provides support under MOU to State where FSSAI provides 60% share and State provides 40% Share against total approved amount under MOU for a particular FY. | FSSAI will provide 100% support against total approved amount under MOU for a particular FY without any upper limit. |
| State gets 100% revenue against the license and registration fee. | State will surrender 75% of revenue against the license and registration fee |

3. Government have examined the matter in detail with respect to the revenue sharing for the Financial Years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24, the fund flow, advantages and flexibility of the new system. It is found that the proposed system is more beneficial and viable to the State not only economically but in respect of the implementation also. Further more, the State also have the option to revert back to the old system after 3 years, in case of any unfavorable situation henceforward.

4. Accordingly, Government are pleased to accord sanction **to the proposal of the Commissioner of Food Safety, Kerala to shift to the proposed system of 100% FSSAI funding from the Financial Year 2024-25 on wards, under the MoU signed between FSSAI and the State of Kerala for three years from 2023-24 to 2025-26.** Permission is also granted to the Commissioner of Food Safety, Kerala to proceed with signing of MoU Work Plan with FSSAI under the aforesaid new system.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

The Joint Director, Regulatory Compliance Division, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, FDA Bhavan, New Delhi

The Commissioner of Food Safety, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director of Treasuries, Thiruvananthapuram
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Accountant General (Audit II), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Finance (Health-A) Department (Vide note no.(E.2725320):HLT-
A1/141/2021-FIN-Part(2) dated 01.04.2024)
The Planning & Economic Affairs Department (Vide note no.PLGEA-
A1/36/2023-PLGEA dated 28.02.2024)
The Information & Public Relations (Web & New Media) Department
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