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### **The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India**

(FSSAI) Has been established under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 which consolidates various acts & orders that have hitherto handled food related issues in various Ministries and Departments. FSSAI has been created for laying down science based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.

#### **FSSAI has been mandated by the FSS Act, 2006 for performing the following functions:**

1. Framing of Regulations to lay down the Standards and guidelines in relation to articles of food and specifying appropriate system of enforcing various standards thus notified.
2. Laying down mechanisms and guidelines for accreditation of certification bodies engaged in certification of food safety management system for food businesses.
3. Laying down procedure and guidelines for accreditation of laboratories and notification of the accredited laboratories.
4. To provide scientific advice and technical support to Central Government and State Governments in the matters of framing the policy and rules in areas which have a direct or indirect bearing of food safety and nutrition.
5. Collect and collate data regarding food consumption, incidence and prevalence of biological risk, contaminants in food, residues of various, contaminants in foods products, identification of emerging risks and introduction of rapid alert system.
6. Creating an information network across the country so that the public, consumers, Panchayats etc receive rapid, reliable and objective information about food safety and issues of concern.
7. Provide training programmes for persons who are involved or intend to get involved in food businesses.
8. Contribute to the development of international technical standards for food, sanitary and phyto-sanitary standards.
9. Promote general awareness about food safety and food standards.



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### **FSSAI in Visakhapatnam**

FSSAI's establishment in Visakhapatnam has paved the way for clearance of food item being exported and imported to Vizag. Food item imports like Cashew, Fruits etc can be cleared from Visakhapatnam without any hassle because of FSSAI. There office in Visakhapatnam

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### **Drug Controller**

The Drugs Control Administration at the time of inception in the year 1952 was functioning in the Directorate of Medical services. The first basic level functionaries sanctioned to this Department were four Drugs Inspectors for implementation of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules made there under (formerly called as The Drugs Act, 1940 and The Drugs Rules 1945) in the erstwhile Andhra State for implementation in Andhra area only. After the formation of separate Andhra Pradesh State in the year 1956 four more Drugs Inspectors were appointed and implementation of this Statute was extended to Telangana Area also.

Subsequently, Drugs Control Administration was also entrusted with the enforcement of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and the Head of the Department was designated as Drugs Controller and Food Health Authority. In the year 1981 the Department of Drugs Control Administration was accorded independent status with a separate Directorate headed by a Director functioning under the Ministry of Medical and Health, Government of Andhra Pradesh. The main objective of Drugs Control Administration is to ensure that the quality drugs are made available at affordable prices to the people. The drugs are used by the public for prevention, mitigation or treatment of diseases or disorders. The efficacy of these drugs depends on their quality, purity and strength and it in turn depends on their good manufacturing practices and good storage conditions. Drugs Control Administration regulates the manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs to ensure their quality and efficacy. Drugs Control Administration in the State of Andhra Pradesh is implementing the following Central Legislations throughout the State.

1. The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945.
2. Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1995.
3. The Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 and Rules made there under.



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4. The Andhra Pradesh Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Rules, 1986, (Licensing part)
5. Cigarettes and other Tobacco products.

#### **Plant Quarantine**

##### *Mandate*

To prevent the entry, establishment and spread of exotic pests in India as per the provisions of The Destructive Insects & Pests Act, 1914 and the notifications issued there under.