

## Food safety drive: FSSAI chief on 3-day State tour

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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) Chairperson Rita Teaotia is on a visit to Odisha to take stock of efforts for ensuring food safety compliance in the State.

Teaotia is on a three-day tour from Thursday as the FSSAI has started a special drive for licensing and registration of food businesses operators (FBO).

The FSSAI has directed the State food safety authorities to take it up to ensure food safety compliance under their jurisdiction. There is a special drive started from October 1 will continue till December 31.

During the visit, she will meet Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Chief Secretary Asit Tripathy as well as Secretary Health and Family Welfare PK Meherda.

Teaotia will discuss issues with the Commissioner Food Safety and Food Safety Enforcement Officer regarding food safety measures being taken up in the State.

She will be meeting FBOs representing various food sectors at various levels along with Food Safety Commissioners.

Teaotia will also visit State food safety laboratory and will guide the authorities about the latest steps to be taken for improvement.

She will guide the State authorities for strengthening the laboratory infrastructure in the State.

The FSSAI Chairperson is visiting various States as FSSAI has started a special drive to address various non-compliances for food safety norms.