

FSSAI to up enforcement activity in coming months; Recruitment underway

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FSSAI has reiterated that the enforcement activity will increase in the coming months. This is likely to happen given the fact that the apex food regulator of the country has already started the recruitment process for the induction of 850 officials in its fold.

The recruitment rules were finalised last year, and the process was started wherein close to 114 senior-level officers were to be inducted in first place.

In January 2019, FSSAI has issued a notification in this regard seeking online application for direct recruitment and deputation for various posts at the regulator's headquarters in New Delhi and regional offices in New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Guwahati.

According to the sources, the apex regulator would be completing the procedure regarding the new recruitment in couple of months from now, and the focus shall be on the robust enforcement mechanism and to fill in the gaps that provide an escape for the errant FBOs.

Sources say that the FSSAI would increase its activity of enforcement, which shall be based on surveillance mostly. The filling of posts is a part of the capacity building plan of the apex food regulator which has been going on side by side of a training programme, that was conducted wherein over one lakh persons got trained in food safety management skills.

"Further, a part of the plan were the labs, which have been on radar of FSSAI for some time and there is already a plan for upgrading the lab infrastructure across the country," sources said, adding, "There has been a sharp increase in this regard in the recent past."