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Swiggy, Zomato, others remove 10,500 restaurants for violating food safety law

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NEW DELHI: As many as 10,500 restaurants have been de-listed by e-commerce firms like Zomato and Swiggy for not having license or registration under the food safety law, Parliament was told Friday.

Minister of state for health Ashwini Kumar Choubey said the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India or FSSAI in July directed food e-commerce firms to de-list the restaurants which don't have registration under the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006.

"The Food delivery aggregators informed that they have already initiated action against the defaulting partner hotels/restaurants."

"As per information received, Zomato has delisted 2,500, Swiggy 4,000, Foodpanda 1,800, UberEats 2,000 and foodcloud 200 unlicensed/unregistered FBOs," he said in reply to a question.

The implementation and enforcement of Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006
Rules and Regulations made thereunder, primarily rests with state and UT governments, he said.

Commissioner of Food Safety of all states and UTs have been requested to take necessary action to bring all such FBOs or food business operators under the ambit of FSS Act through registration.

No one shall commence or carry on any food business without license or registration under the Act, he said.

Choubey stated further regular surveillance, monitoring, inspection and random sampling of food products are carried out by officials to check compliance of the standards and norms.

In case where the food samples are found to be non- conforming, penal action has been initiated, he stated.