

States to deploy mobile testing vans to check milk adulteration: FSSAI



Food adulteration has been a major issue in the food and beverage industry for decades, and to eradicate it, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been working in the last few years to help people identify food adulteration at home and avoid such toxic foods.

Recently, keeping the festive season in view, when milk consumption in India is high and often results in dairy product adulteration, FSSAI has asked states and union territories to deploy mobile testing vans to check milk adulteration and quality.

The order was issued on March 4 by FSSAI with the motive of keeping a check on the quality of milk and milk products. The mobile testing vans are called as 'Food Safety on Wheels' (FSW), and as per the FSSAI statement; there are currently around 168 of them available in the market. The order also states that states and UTs should carry out testing of at least 10 samples of milk and milk products on a daily basis.

In 2020 and 2021, FSSAI started an initiative on Twitter called #DetectingFoodAdulterants, where they shared smart tricks to check food adulteration at home. As per reports, these mobile testing vans can do on-the-spot food testing of all types of milk and other dairy products.

The statement issued by FSSAI states, "Tests for fats, solid-not-fat, protein, adulterants like added water, urea, sucrose, maltodextrine, and ammonium sulphate can be done through the Milk-o-Screen system installed at FSWs."