

FRANCE STUDY VISIT-HIGHLIGHTS

1. A delegation of following officials visited France during 23-26 January 2018 in a study visit organized by France:

- i) Dr. Pallavi Jain Govil, Food Safety Commissioner, Madhya Pradesh
- ii) Ms. Periasamy Amudha, Food Safety Commissioner, Tamil Nadu
- iii) Mr. Palanichamy Muthumaran, Director, Regional Office (Mumbai/Chennai), FSSAI
- iv) Ms. Varnali Deka, Food Safety Commissioner, Assam
- v) Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Deputy Director (Regulatory Compliance), FSSAI
- vi) Ms. Khrukutolu Veswuh, Food Analyst, Nagaland
- vii) Dr. Debadutta Mishra, Senior Analyst, CFL, Kolkata
- viii) Ms. Payal Abichandani, Consultant, IT, FSS

2. Objectives of the visit:

a. Food safety is governed under EU Law (Regulation 178/2002).

b. A single agency i.e. DGAL in France to ensure safety and quality of feed & food through the food chain from Farm to Fork, including health and protection of animals and plants.

c. ANSES is a public body like FSSAI. The State of the Art Laboratory network of ANSES across the country plays a vital role in monitoring, expert assessment, research and reference activities for ensuring human health, animal health and well-being, and plant health. They have a robust National Reference Laboratories method development/validation, Proficiency Testing, Training, etc., for various food commodities.

d. Departmental Directorate of Population Protection, Rungis is one such agency between the producers and consumers which ensures all food safety related aspects and facilitates trade of safe food meant for human consumption.

e. An institution of the kind of The National Institute of Staff Training of the Ministry of Agriculture (INFOMA) has been found to be essential for training of Regulatory Staff and continuous up gradation of their skills in consultation with stakeholders.

3. The study reports of the delegation and presentations/reference material are annexed.