

Press Release

FSSAI Launches Special Category Provision to Promote Gender Equality in Food Business Sector

New Delhi, September 26, 2023: The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has introduced a new provision of 'Special Category' in the online Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS) portal. The newly launched provision aims at promoting gender equality and equal opportunities for women and transgender entrepreneurs in the food business sector.

Under this provision, Licensing and Registering Authorities will process 'Special Category' applications in a balanced manner to maintain one-to-one ratio alongside regular applications, until there are no pending application in either category. The identification of these individuals will be done during the application submission process through Aadhaar/PAN authentication.

This initiative reflects FSSAI's commitment to inclusivity, diversity and gender equality within the food industry.