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(Development Section)

Subject:- Quality of Meat and other eatables.

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir took a meeting with regard to subject matter on 20.11.2021 in meeting hall of this office.

Following Officers participated in the meeting:

1. **Director Sheep Husbandry Deptt. Kashmir.**
2. **Deputy Commissioner, Food Safety, Kashmir.**
3. **Assistant Commissioner FCS&CA, South Srinagar.**
4. **Assistant Commissioner FCS&CA, North Srinagar.**
5. **Assistant Commissioner, Food Safety, Kashmir.**
6. **Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, CAHD, Srinagar.**
7. **Dr. Javeed HO, SMC.**
8. **Dr. Tawheed, VMO, SMC.**
9. **Shabir Ahmad, LMO.**

The chair while welcoming the participants informed that various complaints have been received that quality meet is not being provided to the public, while as they are being charged for A- grade meat. Moreover, complaints with regard to presence of low quality eatables in the market have also been received which need to be properly checked and stopped, besides, a long term mechanism must be in place to check this menace.

Dy. Commissioner, Food Safety, Kashmir apprised the chair that his organization is working tirelessly keeping a constant vigil on the activities of food business operator and it was because of the search up vigil on the market they were able to track, identify and seize the forfeited mustard oil sold by the unscrupulous persons in addition to routine market checking. Moreover, several drives were launched for checking the adulteration in milk and milk products across the Kashmir including 40

prosecutions were launched against the meat sellers/butches who were selling the meat in insanitary conditions. It was also apprised that following activities were carried out by Food Safety Organization from April 2021 to 31.10.2021:

S. No.	Details of activities carried out	Cumulative
1.	No. of inspections conducted (FoSCoRIS) (Food Safety Compliance through Regular inspections and sampling.)	4637
2.	Total No. of Samples Lifted	1898
3.	No. of Samples declared SS/MB/US/OP	413
4.	Total No. of Prosecutions Launched	528
5.	Penalty (fine) imposed	1767200
6.	Penalty (fine) with Imprisonment	60000
7.	Total No. of cases pending	2034
8.	License fee realized	4978000
9.	Total No. of Licensed/ Registered FBOs as on date.	62422
10.	No. of Improvement Notices Issued U/s 32	96
11.	No. of awareness Programmes organized	24
12.	Value of Food items seized.	403500
13.	Value of Food items destroyed	39800
14.	No. of samples sent to Referral Laboratory	6
15.	No of reports of Referral Lab received	7
16.	No. of complaints received	25
17.	No. of Complaints Investigated	25
18.	VIP Duties attended	278
19.	**No. of prosecutions launched under insanitary conditions of meat sellers (Butchers)**	**40**
20.	**No. of Milk Drives conducted**	**29**
21.	**Milk Samples lifted (routine as well as during drives**	**386**
22.	**No. of milk samples found NSQ**	**48**
23.	**Prosecutions launched**	**32**
24.	**No. of Fostac trainings conducted**	**8**
25.	**No. of awareness programmes conducted in the district**	**33**
26.	**No. of Edible Oil drives**	**18**
27.	**No. of oil samples lifted**	**217**
28.	**No. of Oil samples found NSQ**	**41**
29.	**Prosecutions launched**	**11**

Thereafter, the chair was apprised that Food Safety Organization is having one permanent lab and three static mobile labs for the testing the samples in Kashmir Division and in case of cross checking the samples are being send to appellate/referral lab. It was also apprised that huge no. Of cases are pending with ADCs in Districts for disposal which needs to be expedite.

Further, it was apprised that four districts of the valley have been identified for Eat Right Challenge a flagship programme initiated by Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI).

After threadbare deliberations and discussion following decisions were taken:

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<tr><td>1.</td><td>GPS Linkage of Static Mobile Labs</td><td>The chair directed that the three static mobile testing labs shall be immediately GPS linked and weekly information about testing locations of these mobile labs shall be shared with this office.</td><td>Com. FSO/ Dy Com FCO</td></tr>
<tr><td>2.</td><td>Establishment of More Testing Labs</td><td>Food Safety Organization Kashmir shall explore possibility of establishment of more testing labs and in this connection shall approach higher authorities with a copy to this office for follow up from this side.</td><td>Com. FSO/ Dy Com FCO</td></tr>
<tr><td>3.</td><td>Vibrant Disposal of Cases</td><td>Food Safety Organization Kashmir shall immediately provide information to this office about district wise pending cases with ADCs for disposal in tabulated form:
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<tr><td>4.</td><td>Enhancement in testing capacity.</td><td>Dy. Com Food Safety Organization while informing the chair about the scarcity of field and lab Technical manpower was directed to take up the matter with the University Authorities of , IUST, Kashmir University, SKUAST, SKIMS Deemed University with a copy to this office so that the services of interns/ undergraduate / postgraduates students of relevant field of these institutions can be utilized in the Food Analysis Lab so that testing</td><td>Com. Food Safety Org. Kmr/ Dy. Com. FSO /Registrar Kashmir University/ SKUAST/ SKIMS/ IUST.</td></tr>
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		capacity shall be enhanced. Moreover, Food Safety Department shall explore possibility of enhancing of testing/sampling up to 1000 per month. The University Authorities shall also explore the possibility for obtaining Accreditation for the Food Analysing Labs, so that a good number of samples can be processed and reported as well on daily basis. Further, Incharge Officer of the Food Analysis Lab shall also attend this office with regard to subject matter within one week.	
5.	Designation/ Notification of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons as Food Safety Officer.	The Chair directed Food Safety Organization shall explore possibility to designate and notify 07 VAS of Animal Husbandry and 03 VAS of Sheep Husbandry Deptt. posts as Food Safety Officers to coup the challenge of sampling and overcome the legal formality in this regard. Both Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry Department shall provide full cooperation to Food Safety Deptt. in this regard.	DC Sgr./Dir. Animal/ Sheep Husbandry Dy. Com FSO
6.	Publicity	The chair directed that Food Safety Organization shall give wide publicity of their activities/drives through print/electronic and social media so that traders will not dare to indulge in any illegal/wrong practices.	Dy. Com FSO
7.	Jurisdiction of VAS/FSOs	These VAS notified FSOs shall conduct the market checking with the teams to check and analyze the quality of meat, chicken, egg and milk. The jurisdiction of these VAS/ FSOs shall be framed by SMC, FSO, Animal & Sheep Husbandry for vibrant market checking and sampling.	DC Sgr/Com SMC/Dir FCS & CA/ Legal Metrology/ Dy. Com FSO
8.	Rainwari Slaughter House	It was informed that 5 to 10 percent slaughtering of the Srinagar City is being done at Rainawari Slaughter House the chair directed that Health Officer/VAS SMC shall	Com SMC

		immediately resume his designated work in the slaughter house.	
9.	Waste Management Disposal of Chicken shops	It was apprised that Animal Husbandry Department is introduced IPD scheme with regard to waste management disposal in respect of chicken wastage, the chair directed that same shall be highlighted so that these chicken meat sellers can get benefits from it.	Dir. AH Deptt.
10.	Health Check up of Butchers.	It was apprised that the license is being issued to the butchers after analysing their health, the chair directed that special health check up of the butchers shall be conducted by SMC and Municipal Committee of the districts through Epidemiologists and who so ever will fail the standard shall not be allowed to carry the job until and unless properly cured.	All DCs/ FCS&CA/ ULB/SMC etc
11.		It was informed that Food Safety Organization J&K is maintaining the 1st spot on the food stand index of India, the chair forwarded his greetings to the department.	FSO

Before culminating the meeting the chair impressed upon all the stake holding departments to submit a detailed note about the their organizations/departments role , responsibility, activities etc, to this office by or before 30.11.2021 so that next meeting on the subject shall be taken in 1st Week of December.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.

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