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SC Questions FSSAI Over Delay in Packaged Food Warning Labels

The Supreme Court questioned FSSAI for seeking two more years to implement front-of-pack warning labels on packaged foods.

Front-of-Pack Labeling (FoPL) is a food safety regulation to display clear warning labels on packaged foods high in sugar, salt, and saturated fat.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Supreme Court of India** on **September 28, 2026**, questioned the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**) over delays in implementing warning labels.
- FSSAI proposed a timeline of nearly **two additional years** to roll out Front-of-Pack Labeling (**FoPL**) on packaged foods.
- The apex court noted that the process of drafting these safety regulations originally commenced in the year **2022**.
- The proposed warning labels aim to alert consumers about high levels of **sugar, salt, and saturated fat** in packaged food items.
- The Supreme Court urged the food safety regulator to expedite the implementation to protect **public health**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

FSSAI is a **statutory body** established under the **Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006**.

FSSAI operates under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, Government of India.

Article 47 of the Indian Constitution (**DPSP**) directs the State to raise the level of nutrition and the standard of living and to improve public health.

The right to health and safe food is recognized as an integral part of the **Right to Life** under **Article 21** of the Constitution.

FSSAI was officially established on **September 5, 2008**, with its headquarters located in **New Delhi**.

In **Tamil Nadu**, the **Department of Food Safety and Drug Administration** implements the Food Safety and Standards Act at the state level.

The **Consumer Protection Act, 2019**, also empowers consumers against misleading advertisements and unsafe food products in India.

REVISION FLASHCARD

FSSAI was established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, under the Ministry of Health.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Unit 5 (Polity - Statutory Bodies) and Unit 1 (Public Health & Nutrition).

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