

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**  
**Department of Consumer Affairs**

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2181**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

**WASTAGE OF FOOD**

2181. SHRI SHYAMKUMAR DAULAT BARVE:

Will the Minister of **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Food Safety Index 2022-23 has been released by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether 19 out of 20 large Indian States during the last five years experienced a decline in their 2022-23 SFSI scores compared to 2019 and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the United Nations Environment Programme has stated in Food Waste Index Report that 68.7 million tonnes of food is wasted annually in Indian homes and it stands 2nd worldwide in terms of household wastage of food; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to restrict food wastage in the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**(SHRI B.L. VERMA)**

(a) : Yes Sir. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) releases the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) annually for each financial year, that reflects the overall performance of the States/ UTs on various parameters of food safety. The Ranks and Scores of States/UTs in the State Food Safety Index 2022-23 is attached in **Annexure**.

(b) : The scores allocated to States/UTs in various SFSIs may not be compared to analyse and capture the issues and progress made by States/UTs in various parameters of Food Safety as parameters are not constant and are updated from time to time.

(c) : As per [UNEP Food Waste Index Report 2024, the](#) estimated food wastage in India in 2022 is 55 kg/capita/year in India which is significantly lower than the global average of 79 kg/capita/year.

(d) : States/UTs are advised from time to time by the Central Government to include a chapter on prevention of food wastage in the school syllabi in order to inculcate awareness among young students and sensitize them on prevention of food waste. FSSAI has taken the following proactive steps to reduce food wastage:

- i. “Save Food Share Food” Initiative to promote surplus food donation to prevent food waste in the food industry including food caterers.
- ii. In order to combat the problem of minimal outreach of surplus food distribution agencies, a pan India network of surplus food distribution agencies has been created as Indian Food Sharing Alliance (IFSA). 82 agencies have been registered under IFSA reaching out to 90+ cities. There is a dedicated website for Share Food which provides a city wise list of IFSA members, information on prevention of food waste, etc.
- iii. FSSAI also actively promotes initiatives at various platforms to sensitize citizens and food businesses including caterers about the prevention of food waste and donation of surplus food.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER NO. 2181 FOR 12.03.2025 REGARDING “WASTAGE OF FOOD”.**  
-----**Table 1: Index Rankings for Large States**

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<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Large States</b>	<b>Human Resources and Institutional Data</b>	<b>Compliance</b>	<b>Food Testing-Infrastructure and Surveillance</b>	<b>Training and Capacity Building</b>	<b>Consumer Empowerment</b>	<b>Improvement in SFSI Rank</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	4.5	10	1	4.5	4	0	24
2	Assam	2.5	5	6	2.5	6	0	22
3	Bihar	3	8	5	3.5	1	0	20.5
4	Chhattisgarh	3.5	10	6	5.5	2	0	27
5	Gujarat	10	12	13.5	4	9	0	48.5
6	Haryana	5.5	12	7.5	3	5	0	33
7	Himachal Pradesh	6.5	18	7	6.5	3	0	41
8	Jharkhand	5	4	5	4	2	0	20
9	Karnataka	7.5	11	5.5	6	7	0	37
10	Kerala	8.5	15	13.5	8	16	2	63
11	Madhya Pradesh	8.5	11	8	7.5	16	5	56
12	Maharashtra	10	11	4	5	15	0	45
13	Orissa	5.5	10	6.5	4	3	0	29
14	Punjab	10.5	18	7	7	13	2	57.5
15	Rajasthan	11.5	12	8.5	3	8	2	45
16	Tamil Nadu	10.5	12	9	8	17	0	56.5
17	Telangana	7	7	7.5	4.5	4	2	32
18	Uttar Pradesh	9.5	16	6	4	15	2	52.5
19	Uttarakhand	7.5	13	7	5.5	6	0	39
20	West Bengal	12	11	9	5	11	0	48

**Table 2: Index Rankings for Small States**

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S.No.	Small States	Human Resources and Institutional Data	Compliance	Food Testing-Infrastructure and Surveillance	Training and Capacity Building	Consumer Empowerment	Improvement in SFSI Rank	TOTAL
1	Arunachal Pradesh	4	14	1.5	3	1	2	25.5
2	Goa	7.5	9	8.5	5	13	8	51
3	Manipur	4	14	6.5	1.5	11	3	40
4	Meghalaya	6.5	4	8	4	6	2	30.5
5	Mizoram	3	9	0.5	1	1	0	14.5
6	Nagaland	4	5	7	3	8	2	29
7	Sikkim	8	11	2.5	5	10	3	39.5
8	Tripura	4	7	7	2.5	4	0	24.5

**Table 3: Index Rankings for Union Territories (UTs)**

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S.No.	Union Territories (UT)	Human Resources and Institutional Data	Compliance	Food Testing-Infrastructure and Surveillance	Training and Capacity Building	Consumer Empowerment	Improvement in SFSI Rank	TOTAL
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	6	14	1.5	5	4	0	30.5
2	Chandigarh	5.5	14	2	5.5	15	3	45
3	Dadra NH & DD	3	11	1.5	3	5	2	25.5
4	Delhi	6.5	14	6	6	14	3	49.5
5	Jammu & Kashmir	10.5	16	8	5	12	8	59.5
6	Ladakh	11.5	14	0.5	4	9	2	41
7	Lakshadweep	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
8	Puducherry	3	4	2.5	0.5	2	0	12

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