



# Standardizing Quality of Packaged Water

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As per Regulation 2.3.14 (17) and (18) of the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on sales) Regulations, 2011, no person can manufacture, sell or exhibit for sale packaged drinking water and mineral water except under the Bureau of Indian Standards Certification Mark. However, reports of some Food Business Operators manufacturing/selling packaged drinking water without Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)/Bureau of Indian Standards (BSI) certification mark have come to notice of FSSAI.

As per information made available by State/UT Governments to the FSSAI, details of samples of Packaged Drinking Water and Mineral Water analysed, found not conforming (including unlicensed) and action taken during last three years are as under:

Year	No. of samples analysed	No. of samples found to adulterated/ misbranded	No. of cases Launched	Conviction
2013-14	2977	577	169	4
2014-15	734	226	130	16
2015-16	767	345	176	39

Standards of Mineral Water and Packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water) have been prescribed under sub-regulation 2.10.7 and 2.10.8 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 respectively. The standards for Packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water) have recently been revised and notified on 15.11.2016. The officials of State/UT Governments are responsible for enforcement of law and regulations. FSSAI has written to State/UT authorities for ensuring compliance with regulations.

The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), Sh Faggan Singh Kulaste stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha here today.

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