**DATA EXPLORATION AND PRE-PROCESSING**

**Explore the dataset and identify the number of rows and columns.**

Number of Rows = 9551

Number of columns = 21

Check for missing values in each column and handle them accordingly.

The cuisines columns contain nine (9) empty values. They are removed since they are few. The empty values removed will not have any effect.

The distribution of the target variable is imbalanced.

**DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS**