

F.NO. J-24/47/2023-CPU Section
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 21st August, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject- Constitution of Interdepartmental Committee for protection of consumer health- regarding.

The undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the competent authority towards constitution of an Interdepartmental Committee, as per the following composition, to prepare guidelines on protecting consumer against unhealthy food products involving packed and loose food products:-

1.	Smt. Nidhi Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs	Chairperson
2.	Shri. Anupam Mishra, Joint Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs	Member
3.	Representative of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	Member (An officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary to be nominated)
4.	Representative of Ministry of Women and Child Development	Member (An officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary to be nominated)
5.	Representative of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)	Member (An officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary to be nominated)
6.	Representative of Consumer Voice	Member
7.	Representative of NAPI (Nutrition Advocacy in Public Interest- India)	Member
8.	Shri Sunil Kumar Mishra, Deputy Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs	Member Secretary

2. The terms of reference of the Interdepartmental committee shall be under: -

- i. Examine and identify any gaps or inadequacies within the current regulatory framework that contribute to the proliferation of

unhealthy food products.

- ii. Examine products and their advertisements with respect to food category.
 - iii. Suggest safeguards against unhealthy food products to protect rights of consumers and ensure transparency and fairness.
 - iv. Gather and analyze relevant data, research, and studies related to the impact of unhealthy beverages and packaged food on public health, considering local and global best practices.
 - v. Undertake any other relevant exercises concerning protection of consumer interest against unhealthy food products.
3. The Interdepartmental Committee shall submit its recommendations on the subject matter within six weeks.

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To,

1. Members of the Interdepartmental Committee (as per the list)
2. PSO to Secretary (CA)
3. Sr. PPS to Addl. Secretary (CA)/PPS to Joint Secretary (CA)
4. PA to Deputy Secretary (CA)
5. Guard File