



PRESS NOTE

FOOD ANALYST EXAMINATION

FSSAI today declared the final result of 3rd Food Analyst Examination, a total of 127 candidates out of 560 have been declared qualified as eligible to be Food Analyst on the basis of exam held in Jan-Feb, 2017.

The issue of acute shortage of Food Analyst in the Food testing laboratories has been raised by Food Authority and the media many times. Several representations had also been received from the aspiring candidates that Food Analyst Exam was not being conducted for the last two years.

The 1st Food Analyst Examination (FAE) was conducted in 2012 wherein 19 out of 44 candidates were declared qualified as Food Analyst and, in 2nd Food Analyst Examination conducted in 2014, 29 out of 149 candidates were declared qualified as Food Analyst. Whereas in the 3rd Food Analyst Examination held in Jan-Feb, 2017, 127 out of 560 candidates have been declared qualified. This 3 fold increase in the number of qualified Food Analyst will tremendously help the notified food testing laboratories to have technical capacity to manage analytical needs of the food testing in the country.

It is imperative that more efforts are needed to increase the availability of technical manpower for the food testing laboratories. In this regard FSSAI will hold another Food Analyst Examination in July, 2017. To appear for the Food Analyst Examination, a person should have Master's degree in chemistry or Biochemistry or Microbiology or Dairy Chemistry or Food Technology, Food and Nutrition or Bachelor of Technology in Dairy/Oil or degree in Veterinary Sciences and three years experience in food testing analysis. As the number of people available with three years of analytical experience is scarce in the country, FSSAI has decided to conduct Junior Analyst Examination. The candidates are required to have the same education qualification as in Food Analyst except 3 years analytical experience. This is to encourage Post graduates to have job prospects in Food industry/ Food research laboratories. They can later take up Food Analyst as a profession after acquiring required experience.