

A brief report on inspection of functioning of Food Safety on Wheels in Punjab

This relates three days visit to Punjab to assess the conditions of Food Safety on Wheels provided to the State from 26.3.2018 to 28.03.2018. The State was visited by Ms Pallavi Gautam, Technical Officer, FSSAI, HQ and Kartik Khara, Intern, FSSAI, HQ. A brief note on the visit is mentioned below:

Positive Observations	Shortcomings	Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mobile lab visited the market areas of Mandi Gobind Garh, local colony in Barwali Khurd and Khamanon. • The targets were mainly local people, vendors and FBO's. • During three days of visit total 101 samples of milk (cow& buffalo milk), water (bore water, supply water and bisleri water), and Beverages (limca, frooti, maza) were tested. • Sample inventory Register was maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only milk, water and beverages are being tested, no other food commodities were tested due to lack of reagents. • No separate records such as laboratory data register, test report register was maintained. • A.C is not working in the mobile lab. Further, generator provided in the lab creates error in machine as it shakes the mobile lab. • Storage space provided in the mobile lab is not proper ,as most of the acids comes out form the bottle in moving condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSSAI, team informed Dr Amritpal Singh Warring, Nodal officer, Punjab the issue regarding the lack of reagents due to which test for other food commodities was not conducted, it was suggested that, as a grant of Rs Lakh is being given to the State for (petrol, oil and Lubricants) POL and consumables, reagents can be brought from the same amount provided to the State. • Revised result sheet was also shared by the (Annexure-1). • Nodal officer informed that soon they will be arranging awareness program in schools for children and for vendors & consumers (Draft awareness pamphlet is enclosed as Annexure 2). • It was suggested that direct connection of electricity may be taken from the shop or local people house to run the A.C • It was also advised to the analyst that they can do small test for adulterants which are mentioned in the manual of simple methods for testing of common adulterants in food which does not require chemical reagents.