

## FSSAI'S FOSCOS web application to be available in regional languages

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The image shows a screenshot of the FSSAI website. At the top, there is the FSSAI logo with the tagline "Inspiring Trust, Assuring Safe & Nutritious Food" and "Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India". To the right of the logo is the Indian national emblem and a "CITIZEN CONNECT" icon with social media symbols. Below the header is a navigation bar with green buttons for "ABOUT US", "FSS LEGISLATION", "FOOD STANDARDS", "SAFE FOOD PRACTICES", "COMPLIANCE", and "FOOD TESTING". The main content area features a photograph of a woman in a kitchen washing vegetables. A green banner at the bottom of the photo reads "FOOD SAFETY TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION". Below the photo, there is a text snippet: "The availability of the FOSCOS application in Hindi and all regional languages will also help the FBOs in getting a better understanding of the Food Safety Compliance System." At the bottom of the snippet, it says: "The latest measure promises to support ease of use for all new FBO's in applying for licenses."

In its endeavour of supporting ease of doing business in procuring licenses/ registration by Food Business Operators (FBOs), the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has undertaken to translate its web-based application Food Safety and Compliance System (FOSCOS) in Hindi, followed by all the regional languages.

The latest measure promises to support ease of use for all new FBO's in applying for licenses. As a result, more than 1.2 crore have registered FBOs for license renewal, it added.

"For the purpose of making the food safety ecosystem robust and facilitating wider reach, FSSAI has initiated many user-friendly features in the application, of which the first step is making it available in all other regional languages for license and registration purposes," the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said in a statement.

This will also result in a boost in traffic and revenue, expand reachability and deliver a world-class experience.

The availability of the FOSCOS application in Hindi and all regional languages will also help the FBOs in getting a better understanding of the Food Safety Compliance System. The availability of the system in Hindi and all regional languages will lead to a higher rate of confidence and increased participation by FBOs.

The FOSCOS is a comprehensive system for registration and licensing for FBOs. It is a one-point stop for FBOs for their interface with the food safety regulator for all type of compliances.