## Food Safety Laboratory In Every District

## Why in News

 On March 9, 2022, Rajasthan's Medical and Health Minister Parsadi Lal Meena informed the Legislative Assembly that food laboratories would be set up in every district during this financial year to check adulteration.

## **Key Points**

- The process of setting up laboratories in all the districts except Churu and Jalore districts is under process.
- Proposals for labs at Churu and Jalore have been sent to the Government of India under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Lab operations can be started in these two districts only after getting approval.
- The Medical Minister informed that as per the provision of Section 29(1) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the State Level Rajasthan Food Safety Authority has been constituted vide government order dated June 22, 2020, for effective implementation of the Act.
- It is noteworthy that in order to ensure that people get pure food items, in this budget announcement, the Chief Minister has announced the formation of Food Safety Authority in every district.
- Food laboratories are operating in 11 districts of the state- Jaipur, Jodhpur, Alwar, Banswara, Bikaner, Udaipur, Ajmer, Kota, Bharatpur, Churu and Jalore to check adulteration. Apart from this, 9 mobile food laboratories are also operating in the state at the divisional level.
- Approval has been issued to make provision in the budget for setting up of food laboratories in Sikar, Baran, Bhilwara, Barmer, Dholpur, Nagaur and Ganganagar districts in the cradle of the budget announcement.

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