

FS&S bill withdrawn, fresh amendments to be incorporated

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Govt withdraws FS&S bill, health ministry to incorporate fresh amendments



The Cabinet on November 05, 2014 at the meeting chaired by the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi gave its approval for withdrawing the Food Safety and Standards (Amendment) Bill, 2014 as introduced in the Rajya Sabha on February 19, 2014.

The Food Safety and Standards (Amendment) Bill, 2014 needs to be further amended after taking into account the judgements of the Supreme Court; Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court, and representations received by the government and other recent developments. Based on further examination, a fresh set of amendments will be finalized by the ministry of health and family welfare.

It is important to recall that there have been many litigations against the government advisory issued in May 2013, giving Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) power to regulate the manufacturers of products already in the market.