

FORMAT OF ACTION TAKEN REPORT

S.No.	PARTICULARS	REPLY
I.	a) Department	Department of Food Safety
	b) Subject/title of the review/paragraph	Idle investment of Rs. 45.10 Lakh on procurement of Equipment (Department of Food Safety)
	c) Paragraph No.	4.1.2 R-2
	d) Report No. and Year	March, 2012
II.	a) Date of receipt of the draft paragraph/Review in the Department.	11.07.2012
	b) Date of department reply	18.07.2013
III.	a) Gist of Paragraph/review	<p>The Directorate of Prevention of Food Adulteration procured an equipment-Gas from Chromatograph with Mass Spectrophotometer, without ensuring the availability of Technical Staff for its operation. As a result the investment of Rs. 45.10 Lakh on the equipment was rendered idle for 47 months. Apart from this the available warranty of 60 months is being lapsed.</p> <p>Vide letter No. PAG(A)D/Rep/3-48/ATN/4.1.2/March 2012/13-14/112 dated 11.06.2014, following queries have been raised.</p> <p>(i) It was not mentioned whether the equipment was being used and tests are conducted in house. In the ATN, department had not even indicated about any remedial measure taken by it for utilisation of GCMS</p> <p>(ii) Though it is mentioned that situation had further worsened with the implementation of New Food Safety and Standard Act. However, Action taken by the department to appoint / arrange required manpower for operation of the equipment was not included in the ATN. Prima facie, it appears from the ATN that equipment is lying idle as of yet and department does not have any plan for its utilisation.</p> <p>(iii) Documentary evidences regarding status of the machine and its log book may be provided.</p>


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IV.	a) Does the department agree with the facts and figures included in the paragraph?	No
	b) If not, please indicate the area of disagreement and also attach documents in support.	<p>The Department recruited seven Chemists on contract basis in the Food Laboratory in July, 2015. As the Technical manpower i.e. Chemists on contract basis joined, a requisition of various chemicals, reference standards and other consumables was forwarded to Central Procurement Agency, to establish the Microbiological Wing, heavy metal analysis, Aflatoxin analysis, Caffeine etc. are third Chemical analytical laboratory., on 15.09.2015. However, CPA has finally intimated the department on 06.11.2016 that they could not procure non medical items due to paucity of manpower. The Chemicals and reference standards work procured through open tender by the Department. The newly joined chemists have been trained to analyse Pesticide Residue in food samples.</p> <p>ii. The instrument is being utilised for analysis of samples.</p> <p>iii Documentary evidences regarding utilisation of the Machine is attached for reference.</p>
V.	a) Main Audit conclusions:	
	1. Deficiency in the existing system including system of internal control.	No.
	2. Failure of individuals	No.
	3. Failure of follow the system and procedure	No.
	4. Amount of loss/short assessment/short levy.	No.
	b. Does the department agree with Agent conclusion? If not, please indicate specific areas of disagreement, reasons for the disagreement and also attach copies of relevant documents where necessary.	No. As regards arrangement for required manpower to operate the equipment after its purchase, simultaneously efforts were made for arrangement for required manpower to operate the equipments after its purchase. The department had initiated to process to fill up the post of Chemists. The post was advertised by DSSSB vide advertisement No. 02/2008 on 22.07.2008 but the post could not be filled up.
VI	Remedial Action Taken	

	a) Improvement in system and procedure including internal control.	Recruitment Rules were finalized after getting concurrence from the UPSC and notified on 05.12.2014. The requisition to fill up the posts of Chemist was sent to DSSSB and the same were notified by the Board by Advt. No. 01/15. Meanwhile the Department appointed 7 Chemists on Contract Basis from July, 2015. Newly joined chemists have been trained to analyzed pesticides residue in food samples.
	b) Recovery of over payment pointed out by Audit.	No.
	c) Recovery of under assessment/short levy or other dues.	No.
	d) Write-off of amount of losses/wasteful expenditure/irrecoverable amount.	No.
	e) Modification in the scheme including financial pattern.	N.A.
	f) Review of similar cases/complete scheme/project in the light of finding of sample check by Audit.	N.A.
VII	Vetting comments by Audit	

This has been vetted by Audit vide their letter No.....

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