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Sub:- Filing of cases under FSS Act – Offences detected by Mobile Vigilance Squad/Special Squads-- Instructions issued.

The number of FSS Act cases detected by the Mobile Vigilance Squad and Special Squads under the Commissionerate of Food Safety throughout the State is on the increase. It has now been noticed that much of their time is taken for attending Courts and filing the complaints themselves and their personal attendance on every hearing date as complainant. Consequently, the squad is unable to concentrate on detection of FSS Act offences and perform surveillance on a large scale. In order to remove such difficulties, the following instructions are issued with respect to the implementation of the FSS Act in the State.

1. The complaints in respect of offences detected by the Mobile Vigilance Squad or Special Squads will be filed in court by the respective Circle Food safety Officers from in whose jurisdiction the offences were detected.
2. The Assistant Commissioner of Food Safety (Intelligence), Mobile Vigilance Squad or concerned Designated officer will make available the necessary records, documents and other relevant particulars to the concerned Food Safety Officers to enable to file the complaint without delay.
3. The Food Safety officers who have filed the complaints should attend the Court on every hearing date of the case and should inform the Assistant Commissioner of Food Safety (Intelligence), Mobile Vigilance Squad or concerned Designated Officer on all important stages of the case and when the presence of the Food Safety Officers, Mobile Vigilance Squad is absolutely necessary during trial or evidence stage or Cross Examination or as and when necessary for the conduct of the case Mobile Vigilance Squad Officer shall attend.

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To

1. All Designated Officers
2. All Assistant Commissioner of Food Safety (Intelligence),
Mobile Vigilance Squad
3. All Food Safety Officers.
4. File/Stock file.