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FSDA pastes officers' phone numbers on makeshift food stalls

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Meerut: The Food Safety and Drugs Authority (FSDA) has pasted phone numbers of food safety officers on makeshift food stalls so that quality food is served and the space around is free of litter. Now, customers who find any adulterated food items being sold or any sanitation issues can directly contact the food officer concerned.

The FSDA authorities said unlike other eateries and food stores, it becomes difficult to keep a tab on makeshift stalls. Therefore, notices with the numbers of food safety officials have been pasted on such food stalls.

Archana Dheeran, designated officer, FSDA, Meerut, said, "In the backdrop of the instructions given by the state authorities, notices with contact numbers of food safety officers of that area have been pasted on the makeshift stalls and carts. The notices also have an advisory that if the customers have any problem with the sanitation or the food being served there, they may contact the food safety officer concerned."

The move, officials say, is aimed at reducing cases of adulteration at food stalls and provide ways of keeping a tab on quality of food being served at roadside stalls.

"The city residents can also send pictures of adulterated food items — if any. Previously, the city residents complained that they did not have any contact number of FSDA officers when they wanted to complain about any adulterated item. But now, with such notices being pasted, things will become more transparent," said Dheeran.