

## CHAPTER-3

### Section 4(i)(b)(ii)

#### Powers and Duties of Officers

**Commissioner of Food Safety:** He is the head of the Commissionerate. The responsibility for efficient management and control of the Commissionerate rest upon him. The Commissioner of Food Safety shall perform all or any of the following functions, namely:- (a) prohibit in the interest of the public health, the manufacture, storage, distribution or sale of any article of food, either in the whole state or any part thereof for such period, not exceeding one year, as may be specified in the order notified in this behalf in the official gazette.(b) conduct or organise training programmes for the personel of the Commissioner of Food Safety and on a wider scale, for different segments of food chain for generating awareness on food safety. (c) sanction prosecution for offences punishable with imprisonment under this Act.

**Joint Commissioner of Food Safety:** He/she assist the Commissioner of Food Safety. He/she is responsible for efficient disposal of work and maintenance of discipline in the Commissionerate.

**Deputy Commissioner/Designated Officer:** The duties to be perform by the Designated officer shall be as follows, namely:-

- (a) To issue or cancel license of a Food Business Operator.
- (b) To prohibit the sale of any article of food which is in contravention of the provision of the Act, Rules and Regulations made there under.
- (c) To receive report and samples of articles of foods from Food Safety Officer under his jurisdiction and get them analysed.
- (d) To make recommendation to the Commissioner of Food Safety for sanction to launch prosecution in case of contravention punishable with imprisonment.
- (e) To sanction or launch prosecution in case of contravention punishable with imprisonment.

**Food Safety Officer:-** (a). The duty of the Food Safety Officer is to inspect as frequently as may be prescribed by the Designated Officer all food establishments licensed for manufacturing, handling, packing or selling of an article of food within the area assigned to him.

(b) inspect that the conditions of licenses are being complied with by the Food Business Operators send.

(c) carry out food safety surveillance.

(d) may cause any person dealing with food article, to be examined by a qualified medical professional if he has reason to believe that such person is harbouring the germs of any infectious diseases.

(e) to draw and send samples for analysis.

(f) maintain record of all inspections

(g) to investigate complaints made in respect of any contravention of the provision of the Act

(h) detain imported food articles packages, sale of which is prohibited.

**Food Analyst:-** The function of the food analyst is to analyse the sample of articles of food sent to him for analysis by following instruction and adhering to such procedures as adopted by the Food Authority from time to time. (b) After completion of analysis of article of food the Food Analyst shall send his report to the Designated Officer, the purchaser of the article of food as the case may be.