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News: Bound by assurance to Portugal: India

- The issue of honouring **India's assurance to Portugal while extraditing gangster Abu Salem that he will not be sentenced to death or life imprisonment in the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts will arise only in the year 2030**, the Ministry of Home Affairs has told the Supreme Court.
- **Salem was extradited from Portugal when India gave an assurance on December 17, 2002 that he would neither face death penalty nor imprisonment for over 25 years here.**
- In India, extraditions are regulated by the legislation of **Indian Extradition Act of 1962.**

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- In India, **extradition of a fugitive criminal is governed** under this Act.
- This act is **applicable for both extraditing persons to India and from India to foreign countries.**
- The **basis of extradition could be a treaty between India and another country.**
- India has signed such extradition treaties with 43 countries.

Process of extradition

- Information about criminals wanted in foreign countries is received from the country or through Interpol
- Interpol wing of CBI then passes the information to the concerned police departments and immigration authorities
- Action is then taken through the Act

Few exceptions to extraditions

- Failure to fulfill dual criminality (crime must be punishable in both requesting and requested countries)
- Political crimes
- Possibility of certain forms of punishment (European countries prohibit the capital punishment to fugitive criminals extradited from European territory to the particular country)
- Absence of extradition treaty
- **Belgium was the first country to sign such an extradition treaty** with India in 1983.

News: ‘Star rating’ for packaged food unlikely to help, say experts

- The “health star rating” system that the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) plans to adopt in order to help consumers reduce their intake of unhealthy foods is “not evidence based” and has failed to alter buyer behaviour, claim over 40 global experts in a letter to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is constituted under **Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006** under the aegis of **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**, Government of India.
- FSSAI is responsible for **protecting and promoting public health** through the **regulation and supervision of food safety**.
- The FSSAI has its headquarters at **New Delhi**. The authority also has **6 regional** offices located in Delhi, Guwahati, Mumbai, Kolkata, Cochin, and Chennai.
- **14 referral laboratories** notified by FSSAI, **72 State/UT laboratories** located throughout India and 112 laboratories are NABL accredited private laboratories notified by FSSAI.

- Recently, through an amendment of Food Safety and Standards Regulations, FSSAI limited the Trans-fat use in Oils. (04–01–2020).
- FSSAI has also launched the **State Food Safety Index**.

Eat Right Movement

- Eat Right Movement is a **flagship mission launched by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in 2019**.
- The objective of Eat Right Movement is to **ensure that the citizens of the country get safe and nutritious food**.
- The movement aims to **cut down salt/sugar and oil consumption by 30% in three years**.
- It also aims to **engage and enable citizens to improve their health and well-being by making the right food choices**.
- FSSAI has put in place robust regulatory measures under three major pillars: Eat Safe, Eat Health and Eat Sustainably for the programme.
- FSSAI has **prescribed a limit for Total Polar Compounds (TPC) at 25% in cooking oil to avoid the harmful effects of reused cooking oil**.

Eat Right Station Certification

- The 'Eat Right Station' certification is awarded by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to railway stations that set benchmarks (As per the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006) in providing safe and wholesome food to passengers.
- The station is awarded a certificate upon a conclusion of an FSSAI-empanelled third-party audit agency with ratings from 1 to 5.
- Recently, Chandigarh Railway Station has been awarded a 5-star Eat Right Station certification. It is the fifth station in India to get this recognition.
- The other four stations are Anand Vihar Terminal Railway Station (Delhi), Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai), Mumbai Central Railway Station (Mumbai) and Vadodara Railway Station.

Eat Right Campus

- Eat Right Campus is an initiative under Eat Right India mission to identify premises that can be declared as Eat Right Campus. 'Sehatmand Delhi' was launched by New Delhi government as part of Eat Right Campus.
- 'Sehatmand Delhi' focused on the health of its personnel across canteens, kitchens and mess in the district.

- The programme included a preliminary audit of the campus, identifying the gaps and rectifying them, creation of standard operating procedures, followed by final the audit by third party agencies.