Micronutrient malnutrition in India is a serious public health issue affecting population at large, impacting physical and mental growth. Fortification of staple foods like wheat flour offers a promising opportunity to deliver micronutrient rich foods to larger population and is found to be a solution to combat various deficiency diseases. In this regard, a meeting to scale up wheat flour fortification was held under the chairmanship of Shri Pawan Agarwal (CEO, FSSAI) on the 13th February 2017 at FSSAI, FDA Bhawan, New Delhi. A list of participants is given at Annexure 1.

The meeting began with CEO addressing the participants and it was noted that only ten percent of wheat flour industry is organized while rest is led by roller flour mills and small scale chakki mills. In order to promote fortification across the wheat flour industry it was recommended that organized players would initiate fortification, which would then be followed by the unorganized sector. In this respect, FSSAI has issued standards and guidelines on fortification of staples in October 2016.

The key decisions that were taken during the meeting are as follows:

1. FSSAI will assist the fortification of wheat flour by providing technical support and training to small producers and guidelines on quality assurance and quality control.
2. It was decided that only sodium iron Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) to be used as a fortificant as per FSSAI/WHO recommendations.
3. FSSAI to reward the “Champions of Food Fortification” in the Wheat flour industry and the State Governments on World Health Day in April 2017.
4. Roller Flour Millers Federation of India to encourage its members for initiation of wheat flour fortification within three months.
5. FSSAI to create an enabling environment to encourage the wheat flour industry to adopt fortification as an industry norm.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.
## List of Participants

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3. Ms. Nistha Lahoti, Food Fortification Resource Centre (FFRC)
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5. Ms. Shakun Sharma, Food Fortification Resource Centre (FFRC)
6. Ms. Deepti Gulati, Food Fortification Resource Centre (FFRC)
7. Ms. Rijuta Pandav, Consultant
8. Ms. Aprajita, Technical Officer
9. Ms. Navneet, Technical Officer

### MODERN FLOUR MILLS
8. Mr. Ratan Gupta

### ROLLER FLOUR MILLERS FEDERATION OF INDIA
9. Ms. Veena Sharma, Joint Secretary

### ITC LTD
10. Mr. Krishna Kumar Joshi, Head Regulatory Affairs

### CARGILL INDIA PVT. LTD.
11. Mr. Mukunda Rao, Process And Product Development Lead, Cargill India

### AQC CHEM LAB PVT. LTD.
12. Mr. Shailendra Singh, Quality And Production Head

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13. Ms. Aakanksha Nayyar

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14. Ms. Suvarbata Dey, Regional Manager, Micronutrient Initiative
15. Ms. Sucharaita Dutta, Country Director, Micronutrient Initiative
16. Mr. Kshitij, Senior Executive, Tata Trusts
17. Mr. Vivek Arora, Tata Trusts
18. Dr. Siddarth Waghulkar, Nutrition Officer, World Food Program (WFP)
19. Ms. Rachita Gupta, National Professional Officer (Nutrition) WHO