AHMEDABAD: The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) will conduct surprise checks in schools in Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Surat, Junagadh and Bhavnagar. The state education department has written to district DEOs to extend their support.

A senior department official said that a number of schools in these districts have in-house canteens for cooking and serving food.

"It came to the notice of authorities that the students consume more fatty food with excessive salt and sugar which is detrimental for their health. Thus, the officials will now collect samples during the surprise checks and will later prepare a report on food quality and composition with recommendations," said an official.

From every district, 10 schools will be chosen randomly and the sample collection will take place during surprise checks within a month.

Sources said that one such drive had failed earlier as the schools refused entry of FSSAI officials inside school premises.