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FSSAI wants edible oil manufacturers to make small packs for rural India

The food regulator wants edible oil manufacturers to bring out their products in smaller packs which daily wagers and rural buyers can afford.

Ashish Bahuguna, chairman of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), told reporters that the regulator mandates that edible oils be sold in packaged form, but in rural areas these oils are being sold in smaller quantities from opened packs. For people earning their wages on a daily basis, it is difficult to afford oil packages of larger quantities, he said.

"We are speaking with manufacturers to reduce the package size of edible oil," Bahuguna said, adding that his department has also proposed a differential duty on smaller packages.

"We are also requesting the government to see if there could be a differential duty on smaller packages. That, however, seems to be unlikely because the GST regime is trying to push a common duty structure. But nonetheless we have made this proposal to the government."