FSSAI officials collect sugar samples following complaint of ‘adulteration’

Following complaint of adulterated sugar being sold in a grocery shop here, officials from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) collected samples of sugar from the shop on Thursday.

A customer had alleged that plastic crystals were found in sugar he purchased from the shop near the Old KSRTC Bus Stand here.

Shivakumar, a resident of the city, had purchased 3 kg of sugar from the shop on Wednesday. He found plastic crystals mixed with sugar at home. “When we had tea, we noticed particles which did not dissolve in tea. Later, we found they were plastic crystals,” he said.

Minister for Sericulture and Animal Husbandry A.Manju also visited the shop after he was informed about the incident.

The officials visited the shop and collected sugar samples for laboratory tests.

Mr. Manju told presspersons that he had instructed the officials to collect the samples and take suitable action against those responsible for adulterating sugar.

Aravind, the shopkeeper, said he had been running the shop for many years and he never thought of cheating the customers.

“I have bought the sugar bags from Chikkodi. I don’t know about the plastic crystals. I will cooperate with the officials probing the matter,” he added.