

Dt. May 25, 2023

To,

**The Chairperson/ Member Secretary  
Food and Agriculture Department,  
Standardization Committee  
Bureau of Indian Standards  
New Delhi**

Subject- Request for Nomination as a member in the Technical Committee of FAD-BIS

Ref. Application through BIS portal ([Become a Member \(bis.gov.in\)](https://bis.gov.in))

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Greetings from The Akshaya Patra Foundation!!

The Akshaya Patra Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates on a public-private partnership (PPP) model. Since Akshaya Patra acts as an implementing partner of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, there is a firm support from the Government of India, the State Governments and associated organizations. Our organization strives to eliminate classroom hunger by implementing the Mid-Day Meal Scheme in the government schools and government-aided schools. Alongside, Akshaya Patra also aims at countering malnutrition and supporting the right to education of socio-economically disadvantaged children.

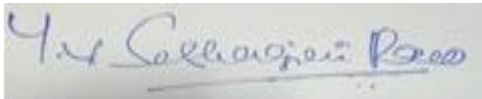
Quality and Food Safety are the primary ingredients at each of the Akshaya Patra kitchens. We have introduced various metrics such as FSSAI licensing and ISO certification every area of operations and service delivery. We continually review the quality of the mid-day meals that's prepared and served to the children. To maintain the quality of the meal, standardization of recipes across all locations has been undertaken. To achieve quality in performance, advance projects like ISO 22000, FSMS, NABL, Kaizen and 5S have been implemented in different locations. Employee Health and Safety activities are conducted to further increase hygiene standards and improve safety and health. We are following stringent scientific quality and safety norms with our in house testing facilities.

We do have an NABL accredited laboratory (ID: **T- 4466**) for Food & Water testing based at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Dr. Dolly A. Jani is the Head/ Quality Manager and Authorized Signatory for the laboratory.

It would be a privilege to associate with standardization activities of BIS- FAD since we are prolific users and promoters of highest quality standards in our Mega kitchens across the country. Dr. Dolly A. Jani be designated as our representative since she has been a part of the Technical committees for past several years. Her CV is available with the application. Looking forward to mutually beneficial association with your esteemed organization. Please let us know if any other details are required at this point.

Thanks and regards,

For The Akshaya Patra Foundation

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**Y V Seshagiri Rao ( 9949782520)**

**GM-Quality & Operations**

**TAPF, Bengaluru**