

# **Varsha Gupta, Sc.-D**

## **Present Position**

Scientist D  
Food and Agriculture Department  
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## **Responsibilities:**

Working in the standards formulation activity of BIS as Member Secretary of following Technical (Scientific) Committees for the formulation of Indian standards on the subjects under their scope:

- a) Food Hygiene, Safety Management and Other Systems Sectional Committee, FAD 15
- b) Biotechnology for Food and Agriculture Sectional Committee, FAD 23
- c) Test Methods for Food Products Sectional Committee, FAD 28
- d) Food Microbiology Sectional Committee, FAD 31

## **Educational Qualifications/Courses/Trainings**

- ❖ Post Graduation (M. Sc.) in Microbiology
- ❖ Qualified National Eligibility Test organized by Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in 2002
- ❖ Auditor of BIS for Laboratory Quality Management Systems IS/ ISO 17025
- ❖ Auditor of BIS for Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems as per IS/ ISO 45001
- ❖ Auditor of BIS for Food Safety Management System as per IS/ ISO 22000
- ❖ Certified auditor for Assaying and Hallmarking Centers under Hallmarking scheme of BIS

## **Professional Experience**

- Having 17 years of experience working in core activities of BIS, i.e. Standards Formulation, Certification and Laboratory as follows:
  - Worked as Officer-in-charge of Microbiology, Food, Metal and Pesticide Residue laboratory of BIS as well as planning and policy officer of laboratories.
  - In Certification activity, worked as Dealing Officer and Inspecting Officer of products pertaining to food and chemical commodities, like Packaged Drinking Water, Paint Products etc.
  - Presently working in the Standards Formulation activity and posted in Food and Agriculture Department of BIS.

- Having 3 years of experience working with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, New Delhi as Joint Director. Work profile included following:
  - Handling of technical matters related to following Scientific panels:
    - a)** Scientific panel on Sweets, Confectionery, Sweeteners, Sugar and honey
    - b)** Scientific panel on Contaminants in Food Chain
    - c)** Scientific panel on Biological Hazards
    - d)** Scientific Panel on Methods and Sampling Analysis
  - Supervision and coordination of Quality Assurance related matters in the QA division of FSSAI.