



## Karnataka Ban Harmful Food Colouring Agents

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Recently, the Karnataka Government has announced a ban on the use of harmful **colouring agents** in popular food items **like cotton candy and Gobi Manchurian**.

- The ban targets **Rhodamine B in cotton candy** and imposes restrictions on **Tartrazine usage in Gobi Manchurian**.
  - **Rhodamine B** is a chemical compound commonly employed in synthetic dyes for colouring silk, jute, leather, cotton, and wool, as well as in the cosmetics and plastics industries.
  - **Tartrazine is a bright yellow azo dye** that is more stable and a cheaper alternative to natural food dyes.
- According to the [Food Safety and Standards Authority of India \(FSSAI\)](#), no colouring matter should be added to food unless permitted in the **Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulation, 2011**.

**Read more:** [Food Safety and Standards Authority of India](#)

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