

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2172
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST JANUARY, 2019**

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON HEALTH HAZARDS OF TOBACCO USE

2172. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has been ranked fifth in the listing of countries that have pictorial health warning on tobacco products;
- (b) whether the country is making tremendous progress towards creating public awareness on the health hazards of tobacco abuse; and
- (c) whether Government, for the first time, introduced Quit Line number to be printed on all tobacco products, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a): As per the Canadian Cancer Society's report titled "Cigarette Package Health Warnings: International Status Report", published in September, 2018, India has been ranked 5th among 206 countries based on health warning size on packages.
- (b): Yes. As per the second round of Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS-2) 2016-17, there has been an increase in the proportion of adults who are aware of the harmful effects of smoking, smokeless tobacco use and exposure to second hand smoke.
- (c): Yes. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, notified a new set of specified health warnings for all tobacco product packs thereby mandating the display of National Tobacco Quit Line number viz "**QUIT TODAY CALL 1800-11-2356**" w.e.f. 1st September, 2018.

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