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

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 292 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER 2023

#### TOBACCO USAGE AMONG STUDENTS AND YOUTH

#### 292. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

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

(a) Whether the government has undertaken any detailed study among the rising habit of smoking cigarettes and consuming other tobacco products among the students and youth in the country?

b) If so, details thereof:

c) Whether the government has any plans to increase the distance limit for selling cigarettes or other tobacco products from the current 100 yards to at least 500 meters?

d) If so, details thereof, If not, reasons thereof;

### ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)

(a) & (b): Government of India undertook the fourth round of Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS-4), 2019 to gauge the prevalence of tobacco use among 13-15 year old school going children. The prevalence of any tobacco use among students has declined from 17 percent in 2003 to 8 percent in 2019. Further, as per Report of second round of Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS-2), India, 2016-17, the tobacco use prevalence among the age group 15-24 years has been reduced from 18.4% (GATS-1 in 2009-10) to 12.4% (GATS-2 in 2016-17).

(c) & (d): In the draft Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) (Amendment) Bill, 2020, there is a proposal to amend Section 6(b) of COTPA, 2003 for prohibiting sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products in an area within a radius of 100 yards to one hundred meters of any educational institution and the same was hosted in public domain for prelegislative consultation.

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