

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 685
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th JULY, 2018**

ANTI-TOBACCO CAMPAIGN

**685. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:**

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

- (a) the details of initiatives and activities taken by the Government on 'World No Tobacco Day' in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to enact strict laws to check smoking at public places;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check illegal sale of tobacco products to children and in educational institutions?

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

(a): An awareness campaign on the harmful effect of tobacco use has been undertaken by airing of audio/video spots for 4 weeks during June-July, 2018.

A rally of 100 autos with the message on harmful effect of tobacco use was flagged off from Nirman Bhawan, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on 31.05.2018 for a one month campaign in Delhi/NCR.

This Ministry has written letter to all States/Union Territories requesting them for stricter implementation of COTPA, 2003 and for undertaking various campaigns/activities to commemorate this year's World No Tobacco Day. States/ Union Territories have undertaken several activities to commemorate the Day.

This Ministry in collaboration with the World Health Organization organized a "National Consultation on Accelerating Implementation of Tobacco Control Measures for achievement of Goals under National Health Policy, 2017" on 6-7 June 2018, focusing on the theme of the World No Tobacco Day 2018.

(b) & (c): Government has already enacted Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 (COTPA, 2003), and Section-4 of this Act read with Rules made thereunder, prohibits smoking in public places provided that in a hotel having thirty rooms or a restaurant having seating capacity of thirty persons or more and in the airports, a separate provision for smoking area or space may be made.

(d): As per Section 6 of COTPA, 2003 read with Rules made thereunder, there is prohibition on sale of tobacco products to and by persons below the age of 18 years and in an area within a radius of one hundred yards of any educational institution.

The onus of enforcing various provisions of the COTPA, 2003 & Rules made thereunder, primarily lies with States/Union Territories and the reports received periodically from them suggest that the same are being implemented effectively.