

Smoking Control Measures

5307. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that smoking is increasing day by day; and

(b) what other measures apart from statutory warning are proposed to be taken by Government to incorporate smoking control measures as an integral part of our health care strategies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWA): (a) No such study has been undertaken by the Government of India.

(b) Apart from the statutory warning required to be displayed on every carton of cigarette available for sale and also in every advertisement on cigarette smoking, some other measures have been/are being undertaken towards control of smoking:—

(i) All India Radio and Doordarshan have decided not to accept any advertisement encouraging smoking.

(ii) The State Government and U.T. Administrations have been asked to enforce vigorously the Cigarette (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975.

(iii) Mass health education/publicity campaigns on the hazards of smoking have been undertaken through publications, magazines, radio, TV and films.

Students overburdened by Heavy School Curricula

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SHRI JAI NARAYAN ROAT:

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that school children in several parts of the country feel that their curricula are heavy and they are over-burdened; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to help students to develop desirable personality traits and stop the present system of education which is examination-oriented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUGON): (a) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) conducted an exploratory study on a small sample in respect of Delhi, Maharashtra, Kerala and Haryana. From the responses elicited in each State it was observed that students did not find their curriculum heavy in respect of any subject, in terms of difficulty level, length of the course content and time allocation.

(b) Efforts have been made to provide adequate weightage to the development of desirable personality traits among students. For example, curriculum areas like Socially Useful Productive Work and Community Service, Health and Physical Education, Moral Education, Co-curricular activities now generally form an integral part of the school curriculum. Efforts are also being made to bring about reforms in the present system of examination.

Scarcity of Nurses

5309. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are experiencing grave scarcity of Nurses in the country;