

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4978
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2000
BAN ON SMOKING
GADDE RAMAMOCHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;SHIVAJI MANE

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

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for bringing in a Central legislation banning smoking in public places all over the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) A legislation to discourage consumption of tobacco is under consideration of the Government and no specific time frame for its introduction can be given at this juncture. However, the Hon'ble Members of Parliament will also get an opportunity to discuss the issue in entirety when the Bill is introduced in the House.