

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:686  
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TOBACCO FIRMS TARGET TEENAGERS  
SHYAMA SINGH

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

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Tobacco firms target teenagers` appearing in the Times of India dated January 24, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken to bring out a legislation to ban involvement of children in promoting tobacco?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d):The Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Tenth Lok Sabha) in its 22nd Report had made several recommendations primarily intended to discourage the use of tobacco and tobacco products. The Government is examining these recommendations and draft legislation is under consideration of the Government.