

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1950

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DEATHS DUE TO TOBACCO

BHIM PRASAD DAHAL;CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN
GADHAVI;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;RAM PRASAD SINGH;RAVI PRAKASH VERMA;REENA
CHOUDHARY;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

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

- (a) whether use of tobacco and Gutka leads to various diseases;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to ban on the use, sale and advertisement of all types of tobacco products in the country;
- (c) the number of people die every year due to tobacco related diseases as per WHO report;
- (d) whether the Government propose to ban smoking in public places strictly;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Consumption of tobacco and tobacco products including Gutka are known to be associated with cancers of oral cavity, throat, lungs, larynx, oesophagus; coronary artery disease; chronic obstructive lung diseases; stroke; peripheral artery disease; low birth weight etc.

(b)to(f) As per the address of Director General, WHO, during the 'WHO International Conference on Global Tobacco Control Law Towards a WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control', held at New Delhi on 7-9 January, 2000, tobacco is responsible for 40 lakh global deaths per year. 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 the draft legislation is under consideration of Government.