

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

- (a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has suggested a Solidarity Tobacco Contribution (STC) for international health;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any contribution to STC;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the benefits accrued therefrom; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)&(b) 'The Solidarity Tobacco Contribution' (STC) is a discussion paper prepared by 'World Health Organization' in October, 2011, in response to the recommendation made by the High-level Taskforce on Innovative Financing for Health Systems.

The STC concept relies on participating countries decisions to add small 'mirco levy' as a part of their larger national tobacco tax increases. Government of India has not received any such proposal from WHO.

(c)to(e) Do not arise.