

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:172  
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2011  
TOBACCO CESSATION CENTRES  
Pandey Shri Ravindra Kumar

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up Tobacco Cessation Centres in order to provide Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) to assist tobacco users to quit tobacco use across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the services/treatment facilities being provided therein, location-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has identified district hospitals to provide tobacco cessation facilities in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose, State/UT- wise;
- (e) whether any proposal has been sent to the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority to subsidize the price of nicotine chewing gums used in NRT; and
- (f) is so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARREDQUESTION NO. 172 FOR 2ND DECEMBER, 2011

(a)to(d) Government has set up a network of 18 Tobacco Cessation Centers in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO) to assist tobacco users to quit tobacco use across the country. These centres have used established strategies for tobacco cessation including behavioral counseling and pharmacotherapy including Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT), however, the primary focus is on behavioral counseling to tobacco users to assist them quit use of tobacco products. The location-wise and State/ UT-wise details are at Annexure- A.

2. Under the National Tobacco Control Programme, tobacco cessation services are included in the District Tobacco Control Programme with the provision to set up centres with dedicated staff to provide cessation facilities in the district hospitals of 42 districts in 21 states. The details of the year- wise funds released to States and districts for carrying out the activities under NTCP are at Annexure- B

3. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has developed `A Training Manual for Doctors`, to train them in providing tobacco cessation services including use of NRT as well as modules for health, workers for tobacco control, which includes behavioral counseling for tobacco cessation.

4. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also developed `Tobacco Dependence Treatment Guidelines` recognizing the need for professional help to tobacco users to quit as well as with an objective to sensitize, train and equip health care providers with the knowledge and skills of providing treatment for tobacco dependence.

(e)&(f) Yes, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has written to National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) to take steps to make NRT available at affordable cost and accessible to the general population. NPPA has forwarded the representation of this Ministry to the Department of Pharmaceuticals to take a suitable view in this regard.