

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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CONSUMPTION OF CIGARETTES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the domestic consumption of cigarettes has increased during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to restrict the production of cigarette in the country in order to curtail its consumption; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b): According to available data the domestic consumption (total number of units sold) of cigarettes during the year 2010-11 was 111487 million sticks as compared to 111860 million sticks during the year 2009-10 showing a decrease in consumption by 0.33%. However, the domestic consumption (total number of units sold) of cigarettes during the year 2011-12 was 116166 million sticks showing an increase of 4.19% as compared to the previous year.

(c) & (d): Manufacture of cigarettes and cigars using tobacco is subject to compulsory industrial licensing under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. However, no industrial licence has been granted for manufacture of cigarettes since 1999, on ground of health. Also, in order to discourage the consumption of tobacco products, the Government has enacted the "Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act (COTPA), 2003".