

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

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CESS ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Tobacco Board has proposed to introduce any special cess on cigarettes and other tobacco products and to hand over this sum directly to the World Health Organisation (WHO);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the provisions in this regard;
- (c) the nature of talks between the Tobacco Board and WHO or other agencies to raise money in India for WHO schemes outside India; and
- (d) the details of this revenue raising plan of the Tobacco Board for international agencies?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

- a) No , Madam. The Tobacco Board has not made any such proposal.
- b) to d) Does not arise.