

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

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TOBACCO CESSATION CENTRES  
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**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 along with the services/treatment facilities being provided therein, location and State/UTwise;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the district hospitals to provide tobacco cessation facilities in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose, State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed on the proposal sent to the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority to subsidize the price of nicotine chewing gums used in NRT?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), tobacco cessation counseling is included in the District Tobacco Control Programme with the provision of one psychologist and one social worker at each District Tobacco Control Cell. The NTCP is under implementation in 42 districts across 21 states. The list of these 42 districts is enclosed in annexure-1.

Further, the Ministry has also developed a 'Training Manual for Doctors' to train them in providing these services including the use of NRT. 'Tobacco-dependence Treatment Guidelines' have also been developed recognizing the need for professional help to tobacco users to quit as well as with an objective to sensitize, train and equip healthcare providers with the knowledge and skills for providing the tobacco cessation services.

The state-wise detail of funds released/ utilized under the NTCP for last three years is given in annexure-2.

(e): In view of the high prevalence of tobacco use in the country and to facilitate a large number of tobacco users to quit, this Ministry requested the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in 2011 to take urgent steps to make NRT available at affordable cost to the general population. However, NPPA observed that NRT is a non-schedule product and as per the IMS Health data available with NPPA, the increase in its price during the last one year is within the permissible limit of 10% per annum.