GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:344 ANSWERED ON:06.12.2013 NATIONAL TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAMME Antony Shri Anto

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

- (a) the details of the activities being taken under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has excluded some States/UTs especially Kerala from NTCP;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to implement NTCP in all the States/UTs in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a): Under the 12th Five Year Plan the district and below level activities under National Tobacco Control Programme have been subsumed under the National Health Mission (NHM) Flexi-pool for Non-Communicable disease (NCD's). The following are the key District level activities under NTCP.
- 1. Training of health and social workers, NGOs, school teachers, enforcement officers etc.
- 2. Awareness activities (Information, Education and Communication).
- 3. Setting up & expansion of tobacco cessation facilities.
- 4. School Programmes.
- 5. Monitoring tobacco control laws.
- 6. Co-ordination with Panchayati Raj Institutions for village level activities.
- 7. Support for tobacco cessation and Pharmacological treatment of tobacco dependence.
- (b) & (c): During the financial year 2013-14 funds have been released to the district of Kozikode Calicut in Kerala for conducting district level activities under NTCP, which has been subsumed under the National Health Mission (NHM) Flexi-pool for Non-Communicable disease (NCD's).

NTCP was in pilot phase during the 11th Five Year Plan and the following states were not included in NTCP - Meghalaya, Manipur, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Andaman & Nicobar, Puducherry and Lakshadweep.

(d) & (e): NTCP is currently under implementation in 29 states covering 53 districts (ANNEXURE). During the current (12th) Five Year Plan, 432 districts all over the country have been included in the programme.