

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 589
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DISCOURAGING TOBACCO CONSUMPTION BY THE PEOPLE

589. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI:

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

- (a) whether India is the second largest consumer of tobacco products in the world;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that tobacco is the foremost preventable cause of death and disease in the world today killing half of the people who consume it;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard with trends in oral cancer during last five years, State-wise;
- (d) the details of legislations brought by Government to discourage consumption of tobacco in the country; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to make these laws more effective and result oriented?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a): Yes

(b) & (c): Tobacco is the foremost preventable cause of death and disease in the world today. Globally, it kills nearly 6 million people, of which 0.6 million premature deaths can be attributed to exposure to second-hand smoke (SHS). As per the report of Tobacco Control in India (2004), nearly 8-9 lakh people die every year due to diseases attributable to tobacco use. As per the ICMR study "Assessment of Burden of Disease due to Non-Communicable Diseases (2006)", based on analysis of published literature till 2004, the risk of disease attributable to tobacco use was 78% for stroke, 65.6% for tuberculosis, 85.2% for ischemic heart disease, 52% for acute myocardial infarction, 43% for oesophageal cancer, and 16% for lung cancer, respectively.

As per the NCDIR-NCRP Report on "Time Trends in Cancer Incidence Rate: 1982-2010", Oral Cancers of Tongue in males showed a statistically significant increase in Age-Adjusted Incidence Rate along with Annual Percentage Change in Chennai (1.35) and Delhi (1.73). Mouth Cancers in males showed a statistically significant increase in Age-Adjusted Incidence Rate in Bhopal (2.97), Delhi (2.93), and Mumbai (1.35). The estimated incidence of Oral Cancer cases in India, State/UT-wise, for the year 2015 is enclosed at Annexure.

(d) & (e): The Government has taken a series of measures to deter people from consuming various tobacco products:

(i) Enactment of the “Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, (COTPA) 2003”.

(ii) Ratification of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

(iii) Launch of the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) in the year 2007-08, with the objectives to (a) create awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco consumption, (b) reduce the production and supply of tobacco products, (c) ensure effective implementation of the anti-tobacco laws and (d) help the people quit tobacco use through Tobacco Cessation Centres.

(iv) Notification of rules to regulate depiction of tobacco products or their use in films and TV programmes.

(v) Notification of rules on new pictorial health warnings on tobacco product packages.

(vi) Launch of public awareness campaigns through a variety of media.

The States/UTs are regularly advised by this Ministry to implement various provisions of tobacco control laws in letter and spirit. Besides, under the National Tobacco Control Programme, there is a provision for conducting law enforcers training in the States/UTs aimed at improving the enforcement of tobacco control laws.

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Annexure

Estimated incidence of Oral Cancer cases in India, State/UT-wise, for the year 2015 - Both Sexes	
State/UT	2015
Jammu & Kashmir	1306
Himachal Pradesh	662
Punjab	2713
Chandigarh	107
Uttaranchal	1018
Haryana	2556
Delhi	1652
Rajasthan	6881
Uttar Pradesh	20424
Bihar	10788
Sikkim	39
Arunachal Pradesh	78
Nagaland	106
Manipur	130
Mizoram	59
Tripura	217
Meghalaya	163
Assam	1661
West Bengal	9072
Jharkhand	3359
Orissa	4083
Chattisgarh	2582
Madhya Pradesh	7365
Gujarat	6097
Daman & Diu	40
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	42
Maharashtra	11005
Telangana	3588
Andhra Pradesh	5030
Karnataka	6029
Goa	141
Lakshadweep	7
Kerala	3282
Tamil Nadu	6670
Pondicherry	128
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	36
Total	119116
*Based on cancer incidence report (2009-2011) and the Report on Time Trends in Cancer incidence Rates (1982-2010)	

