

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.851
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2015**

PICTORIAL WARNINGS ON TOBACCO PRODUCT PACKAGES

851. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

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

- (a) the details of the reasons for postponement or withdrawal of bigger pictorial health warnings on 85 per cent covering areas of cigarette and other tobacco product packages in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has received representations from various quarters including public representatives for and against bigger pictorial health warnings, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which bigger pictorial health warnings on 85 per cent covering areas of cigarette and other tobacco product packages are likely to be implemented in the country?

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

- (a): The Committee on Subordinate Legislation (COSL), 16th Lok Sabha, is examining the Rules related to implementation of the new pictorial health warnings notified vide G.S.R. 727 (E) dated 15.10.2014. The Committee submitted its interim report to Lok Sabha on 18 March 2015, recommending, inter alia, to keep in abeyance the implementation of the Rules till the Committee finalizes the examination of the subject and arrive at appropriate conclusions and presents a report to the Parliament. Accordingly, a corrigendum was issued on 26th March, 2015, suspending the date of implementation and stating that the date of implementation of the Rules shall be as appointed/ notified by the Government.
- (b): The Government has received representations from various quarters including public representatives for and against implementation of bigger pictorial health warnings. Details of some of the key representations received is at [ANNEX](#).
- (c): As per the recommendations of the interim report submitted by the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (COSL), the implementation of the rules related to implementation of the pictorial health warnings covering 85% display area of tobacco products packages has been kept in abeyance till the Committee finalizes the examination of the subject and arrives at appropriate conclusions and presents report to the Parliament.

ANNEX URE

Sl. No.	Name	Name of organization	Remarks
1	Shri. ShyamaCharan Gupta, through PMO	Member of Parliament (LS) Allahabad	Against the implementation of the Pack warnings.
2	Shri. P N Rambabu	Tobacco farmers Federation	The size of the new warning is unwarranted.
3	Shri. D S Rawat	ASSOCHAM	Against the implementation of the Pack warnings.
4	Federation of Karnataka Virginia Tobacco Growers Association – through Ministry of Commerce.		The size of the new warning is unwarranted.(concerns only FCV growers
5	Dr PrakitVathesatogkit ,MD	Action on smoking and health foundation Thailand.	Supports the implementation of the strong and large pack warnings.
6	Prof. TezerKutluk , Anil D' Cruz	Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), Geneva	Congratulates the Govt for notifying the new warnings
7	Ms. Sally G. Cowal	American Cancer Society (ACS), Washington	Congratulates the Govt for notifying the new warnings
8	Mr. Alison Cox	Cancer Research UK	Congratulates the Govt for notifying the new warnings
9	Ms. Laurent Huber	Framework convention Alliance, Geneva	Congratulates the Govt for notifying the new warnings
10	Shri. ShantaLalMulmi	Resource centre for Primary Health Care (RECPHEC), Nepal	Congratulates the Govt for notifying the new warnings
11	Shri. DeshabandhuOlcottGunasekera	Sri Lanka National Federation on smoking and Health.	Congratulates the Govt for notifying the new warnings
12	Ms. RuchiraNeog	Voluntary Health Association of Assam	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings
13	Dr. PrakashC.Gupta	Mail Voice of Tobacco Victims, Mumbai	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings
14	Shri. Taposh Roy , Ms.RadhikaShrivastav	HRIDAY, New Delhi	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings
15	Dr. Ravikant Singh	Doctors for you	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings
16	Ms. Johanna Ralston	World Heart Federation and its 200 members, Geneva	Commends the implementation of the new health warnings

17	Shri. Chandrajit Banerjee	Director General of Confederation of Indian Industry, New Delhi	Withdraw the notification (15t oct, 2014)
18	Ram Aashary Mishra	□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□	Against implementation of the new pack warnings
19	Sh. Karbhariungle and others	Maharashtra RajyaBeediKamgar Federation, Ahmednagar	Against implementation of the new pack warnings
20	Secretary	Chhattisgarh Bidi Leaves Merchants Association, Raipur	Bidis be excluded from the new notification on pack warnings
21	Sh. KalalSrinivas	AkhilBharatiyaBeediMazdoorMahaSangh, Hyderabad.	Bidis be excluded from the new notification on pack warnings
22	Dr. Alaka Bhattacharyya, DevaduttaChoudhury	North East Society for promotion of Youth and Masses,ASSAM	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings
23	Sr. LeelammaThayip	St. Ann's Hospital, Andhra Pradesh	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings
24	M.dMoulana	BeediKarmikaSangham, Andhra Pradesh	Bidis be excluded from the new notification on pack warnings
25	Sh. K.L. Sharma	Indian Geronatological Association, Jaipur	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings
26	Sh. Rupesh Kumar	Tesser Technologies, Kerala	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings
27	Chairman	Sahara International, Srinagar	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings
28		MooncraftsSopore Women's Empowerment, Kashmir	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings
29	Shri .TapanSen	Member of Parliament (RajyaSabha)	Concerned about beedi industry
30		All India Tobacco Manufactures Association	Representation to withdraw the new warnings
31	BathulaRamula	Sircilla Division beedikarmikasankshemasangam, Andhra Pradesh	Bidis be excluded from the new notification on pack warnings
32	Dr. K. Srinath Reddy and others	India Australia Task Force on Tobacco Control	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings
33	Shri .NuneVengaiiah through PMO	Confederation of MAdiga Association, Andra Pradesh	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings

34	Dr. UpendraBhojani through PMO	Institute of Public Health, Karnataka	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings from 1 st April, 2015
35	Shri. K.V.N. Sailaja (Advocate) through PMO		Supports the implementation of the new health warnings from 1 st April, 2015
36	Shri .VaddepalliRajainh through PMO	ShriTarakarama Rural and Urban Developmet organization, Andhra Pradesh	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings from 1 st April, 2015
37	Ms. Bhavana B. Mukhopadhyay through PMO	Voluntary Health Asscoiation of India	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings from 1 st April, 2015
38	Shri. T.K.Venkatesh through PMO	Voluntary Health Asscoiation, Andhra Pradesh	Supports the implementation of the new health warnings from 1 st April, 2015
39	Shri . M.S.N. Prasad (Advocate) through PMO		Supports the implementation of the new health warnings from 1 st April, 2015