

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1015
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH MAY, 2015**

**PICTORIAL WARNING ON PACKAGING OF
TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

**1015. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to extend the coverage of pictorial warning on the packet of tobacco products upto 85 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether difference exists between the suggestion of Parliamentary Committee and the proposal of Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): The Government has notified the new Rules related to depiction of specified health warnings on tobacco product packages vide G.S.R. 727 (E) dated 15th October, 2014. As per the new Rules the Health warnings shall cover at least 85% of the principal display area and on both the sides/panels.

(c) & (d): The Committee on Subordinate Legislation (COSL), 16th Lok Sabha is currently examining the Rules. The Committee submitted its interim report in Lok Sabha on 18 March 2015, recommending, inter alia, to keep in abeyance implementation of the Rules till the Committee finalize the examination of the subject and arrive at appropriate conclusions and present an objective report in the House. Considering that the report of the Committee is interim in nature, the Ministry decided to keep the notification in abeyance. Accordingly, a corrigendum was issued on 26 March 2015 suspending the date of implementation and stating that the rules shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.