

- (iii) Section – 6a: Ban on sale of tobacco products to and by minors (less than 18 years of age).
- (iv) Section – 6b: Ban on sale of tobacco products within 100 yards of educational institutions.
- (v) Section – 7: Display of pictorial warnings on tobacco products packages.
- II. Ratification of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), which enlists key strategies for reduction of demand and supply of tobacco.
- III. Launch of the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) in the year 2007-08 with the objectives to (i) create awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco consumption, (ii) reduce the production and supply of tobacco products, (iii) ensure effective implementation of the anti-tobacco laws and (iv) help people quit tobacco use through Tobacco Cessation Centres.
- IV. Issuance of the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011 dated 1st August 2011, under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which lays down that tobacco and nicotine shall not be used as ingredients in any food products.
- V. Steps to Institutionalize enforcement of COTPA by including it in the ‘monthly crime review meetings’ at district level.
- VI. Notification to regulate depiction of tobacco products or their use in films and TV programmes.
- VII. Public awareness campaigns on harmful effects of tobacco use and provisions under the COTPA, through a variety of media.
- VIII. Development of Guidelines for Tobacco Free Educational Institutions which have been adopted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).
- IX. Increase in the Central Excise Duty and decrease in the duty free allowance of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

#### **Shortage of cabin crew in AI**

\*179. DR. K. V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the national carrier, Air India, has been unable to maintain its schedules due to shortage of cabin crew; and

- (b) if so, the details of steps being taken to overcome the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GAJAPATHI RAJU PUSAPATI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the attrition rate of Cabin Crew and future induction of Aircraft, two recruitment exercises to induct Cabin Crew have been undertaken. The first recruitment exercise was completed in January, 2015 and a total of 365 candidates were selected as Experienced Cabin Crew/Trainee Cabin Crew. In respect of the Second recruitment exercise, advertisement for filling up of residual 435 vacancies for Trainee Cabin crew has been issued on 25.03.2015 and the last date for applying was 14.04.2015.

#### **Special ward in hospitals for elderly citizens**

\*180. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has issued or proposes to issue guidelines for the hospitals so that they do have special ward for the care of elderly citizens;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of other facilities Government proposes to extend to the elderly people in Government hospitals of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA) : (a) to (c) Government has not issued any specific guidelines for the hospitals, to have special ward for the care of elderly citizens. However, the Government of India launched the “National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly” (NPHCE) during the year 2010-11 for providing dedicated health care facilities to senior citizens (above 60 years of age) at primary, secondary and tertiary health care delivery system.

The major components of the National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly are:—

- (i) Setting up of Geriatric department in identified Regional Geriatric Centres (RGC) with OPD care services and 30 bedded Geriatric ward for providing indoor services. RGCs will also undertake PG Courses in Geriatric for developing Human Resource.
- (ii) Setting up of Geriatric units at District Hospitals that will provide specialist services. A 10 bedded Geriatric Ward will also be set up for providing indoor services.