Evaluation of awareness programmes on ill-effects of tobacco consumption

133. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evaluated the performance and impact of the schemes and awareness programmes aimed at reducing tobacco consumption;

(b) whether Government has stake in a number of cigarette manufacturing companies in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the rationale behind the same; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to frame a national policy to tackle the issue with due consideration to balance public health?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) The Government of India got an external evaluation done of the National Tobacco Control Programme through Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI). The Schemes and awareness programmes aimed at reducing tobacco consumption are a part of National Tobacco Control Programme.

(b) Information is being collated and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The Government of India constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee of Secretaries, under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary, to review and develop a comprehensive policy on tobacco and tobacco related issues in December, 2014.

Universal access number for medical emergencies

134. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a universal access number for medical emergencies in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the model of functioning and the infrastructure likely to be put in place for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) Under National Health Mission, universal numbers of 108 and 102 (104 in Rajasthan) are used for calling an ambulance in a medical emergency. 108 service is predominantly an emergency response system, primarily designed to attend to patients of critical care, trauma and accident victims etc. and 102 (104 in Rajasthan) services essentially consist of basic patient transport aimed

to cater the needs of pregnant women and children though other categories are also taking benefit and are not excluded.

Implementation of National Ambulance Service (NAS) guidelines has been made mandatory for all the ambulances supported under NHM.

Adulteration of packaged food items and milk products

135. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has asked all States to keep strict watch on milk, packaged milk, packaged drinking water, packaged sweets and edible oil being sold in the market;

(b) whether any kind of contamination or adulteration has come to the notice of the authority about the products so far;

(c) if so, during the last one year how many samples of such products have been collected and samples tested; and

(d) the number of cases on which action were taken and products banned?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) From time to time, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) takes up the matters relating to safety and standards of all food items with the State authorities concerned including through written communications. Further, the pertinent issues are highlighted during interactions in the meetings of the Central Advisory Committee (CAC) of the FSSAI in which amongst others,the Commissioners of Food Safety of all States and UTs are also included.

(b) to (d) As per information received from the States/UTs by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India till 09.07.2015, the relevant data for 2014-15 is summarised below:

1.	Total number of samples taken		68197
2.	Number of samples analysed		60548
3.	Number of samples found adulterated and misbranded		12077
4.	No. of cases launched	Criminal	1989
		Civil	7241
5.	Number of convictions/penalties	Convictions	1355
		Penalties/amount raised in rupees	2682 ₹10,64,03,414/-