

Pictorial warning on cigarette packets

616. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to put in place 85 per cent pictorial warning on cigarette packets instead of the existing 40 per cent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) and (b) The Government has already enhanced the size of health warnings on tobacco product packages to 85 per cent instead of existing 40 per cent with effect from 1st April, 2016 *vide* notification of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Rules, 2014, (G.S.R. No. 727 (E))dated 15th October, 2014 and further notification (G.S.R. No. 739 (E) dated 24th September, 2015.

MRI scanning facilities for BPL families

617. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to offer Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanning facilities to patients belonging to BPL families across the country considering the fact that such facilities are generally available only in hospitals attached to Government medical colleges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) and (b) Health is a State subject and it is the responsibility of the State Governments to provide adequate health care facilities including MRI to the people of the State. The State Government is not required to seek approval of this Ministry for installing MRI scanning facilities in their Hospitals.

As far as the health care establishments under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are concerned, all such proposals are examined expeditiously and necessary approval of competent authority is conveyed to make the facilities functional for the use of patient care.