

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1678**  
ANSWERED ON – 09.03.2021

**COVID CESS ON CIGARETTES AND BIDIS**

**1678 Shri K.T.S. Tulsi:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:  
total amount of revenue which Government can generate in a financial year if a COVID  
cess of Rupee One per stick of bidi and cigarette is imposed on them and the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

Bidi manufacturing is largely concentrated in cottage and informal segment. Therefore, it is not feasible to readily assess the quantity of Bidi sticks. As regards Cigarettes, as per excise data for FY 2019-20, approx. 6800 Crore cigarette sticks were manufactured. Cess of one rupee per stick would translate to this amount in revenue assuming that it does not impact the consumption.

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