

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 292
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER 2023**

TOBACCO USAGE AMONG STUDENTS AND YOUTH

292. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

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

- (a) Whether the government has undertaken any detailed study among the rising habit of smoking cigarettes and consuming other tobacco products among the students and youth in the country?
- b) If so, details thereof:
- c) Whether the government has any plans to increase the distance limit for selling cigarettes or other tobacco products from the current 100 yards to at least 500 meters?
- d) If so, details thereof, If not, reasons thereof;

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) & (b): Government of India undertook the fourth round of Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS-4), 2019 to gauge the prevalence of tobacco use among 13-15 year old school going children. The prevalence of any tobacco use among students has declined from 17 percent in 2003 to 8 percent in 2019. Further, as per Report of second round of Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS-2), India, 2016-17, the tobacco use prevalence among the age group 15-24 years has been reduced from 18.4% (GATS-1 in 2009-10) to 12.4% (GATS-2 in 2016-17).

(c) & (d): In the draft Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) (Amendment) Bill, 2020, there is a proposal to amend Section 6(b) of COTPA, 2003 for prohibiting sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products in an area within a radius of 100 yards to one hundred meters of any educational institution and the same was hosted in public domain for pre-legislative consultation.
