

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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LAB TESTING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up first State-of-the-art laboratory to test the percentage of nicotine, tar and carbon monoxide in tobacco products;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the time by which such lab is likely to start functioning; and
- (d) the extent to which such laboratory will boost Government's fight against tobacco?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d)The Government is actively engaged in the process of building capacity in the country for setting up Regional/Referral laboratory facilities for testing tar and nicotine content in all forms of tobacco products.Establishment of these labs will facilitate the implementation of the provisions of 'The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003' under which Tar/ Nicotine contents of tobacco products alongwith maximum permissible levels thereof are to be indicated on its label.