

**Title: Need to ban sale of Pan Masala in the country - Laid.**

**SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI (GULBARGA) :** Recently, the medical experts have found that chewing of tobacco and pan masala are injurious to health and have found that the chewing of these items causes cancer and heart-attacks.

Sir, the percentage of people chewing tobacco and pan masala have increased in India and in some States, it has become a habit of young and old people including the labour women particularly those labourers of both male and female who are working in the fields or in the construction work. There are some States, like Maharashtra which have taken the decision to ban the pan masala items as the habit of chewing these items is increasing day-by-day among the children throughout the country.

I urge upon the Government that the proposal of banning of these items should be taken up immediately to save the lives of the people of large section of the society who have become habitual of using these items and the factories manufacturing these items should be banned.