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1. Reporting Party Details

1.2. *Reporting period*

1.2.1. Reporting period covered in the report:

1.2.1.1. From

2023

1.2.1.2. To

2025

2. Article 2: Relationship between this Convention and other agreements and legal instruments

2.1. *Progress in implementation*

2.1.1. -

2.1.1.1. Since the submission of your previous report, have you adopted or implemented any forward-looking measures that could be said to be contemplated by Article 2.1 “measures that go beyond this Convention and its protocols” (e.g. tobacco-free generation or other strategies)?

Yes

2.1.2. -

2.1.2.1. Please provide details on the forward-looking measures that you have adopted or implemented since the submission of your previous report that could be said to be contemplated by Article 2.1. Please specify proposed date(s) for implementation:

India has made consistent and proactive progress since 2023.

Under the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act (PECA), 2019, India banned e-cigarettes, heated tobacco products and like devices. Since 2023, enforcement of PECA has been a key focus, with several directives issued to States to strengthen implementation. Capacity-building programs for police, customs and regulatory authorities have also been conducted. A portal for reporting violations of the provisions of PECA 2019 and COTPA 2003 over online medium was developed in 2024.

Two nationwide campaigns: the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign (TFYC) in 2023 and TFYC 2.0 in 2024 were launched under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP). As part of the campaign strategies, emphasis was placed on the declaration of Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions and Tobacco-Free Villages. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for declaring villages as tobacco-free were released in 2024. Further, social media engagement was strengthened during TFYC 2.0, leveraging the reach of influencers to better connect with the youth.

Additionally, in the area of tobacco product regulation two support groups: the National Tobacco Regulator Forum (NTRF) and the Scientific Support Group (SSG) were constituted under the NTCP, located in two premier central government institutes.

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3. Guiding principles; Article 5: General obligations; also in reference to Article 4.7 and products on national market

3.1. *Progress in implementation*

3.1.1. -

3.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 5 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

3.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes to the implementation of Article 5 since the submission of your previous report:

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the "Report on Tobacco Control in India, 2022" in 2024. The report outlines the strategic vision and thrust areas of India's tobacco control policy and reaffirms the Government's commitment to advancing public health objectives in alignment with the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).

3.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes to the implementation of Article 5 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

3.2. *National tobacco control plan or strategy*

3.2.1. -

3.2.1.1. What is the status of your current national tobacco control plan or strategy?

There is a newly adopted plan or strategy in place

3.2.1.2. Please specify

3.2.1.3. Is your national tobacco control plan or strategy costed?

3.2.1.4. Is your costed national tobacco control plan or strategy fully funded?

3.2.2. Please attach your costed national tobacco control plan or strategy:

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3.3. Government expenditure on tobacco control

3.3.1. Please provide the national government's estimated expenditure on tobacco control, for the latest year available, in your country's currency:

3.3.1.1. Expenditure

3 557.4

3.3.1.2. Currency

india rupee

3.3.1.3. Year

2024

3.3.1.4. Don't know

3.4. Funding for tobacco control

3.4.1. Do you use any of the following to fund tobacco control activities? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

3.4.1.1. Licence fees for tobacco retailing, distribution, etc

No

3.4.1.2. Tobacco product registration fees

No

3.4.1.3. Fines for non-compliance with tobacco control measures

Yes

3.4.1.4. Designated tobacco taxes (earmarking)

No

3.4.1.5. Other fees, including those laid on the tobacco industry

No

3.4.1.6. Please specify

3.5. *Participation of civil society*

3.5.1. -

3.5.1.1. Since your previous report, have you included civil society members who are not affiliated with the tobacco industry, in the development and implementation of national tobacco control approaches?

Yes

3.6. *Focal point for tobacco control*

3.6.1. -

3.6.1.1. Do you have a focal point (s) for tobacco control?

Yes

3.7. *National multisectoral coordinating mechanism for tobacco control*

3.7.1. -

3.7.1.1. Do you have a national multisectoral coordinating mechanism for tobacco control?

Yes

3.7.1.2. Is your national multisectoral coordinating mechanism for tobacco control financed?

No

3.7.1.3. Is your national multisectoral coordinating mechanism for tobacco control functional?

Yes

3.7.1.4. Please provide details on the national multisectoral coordinating mechanism for tobacco control (e.g. description of the national coordinating mechanism, frequency of meetings, membership of the national coordinating mechanism, the institution that houses or hosts its secretariat):

The National Multisectoral Action Plan (NMAP) for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) has been developed by the Government of India as a strategic framework to address the growing burden of NCDs in the country. It aligns with the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs and the commitments under the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Action Plan recognizes that NCDs are influenced by multiple factors beyond the health sector and therefore calls for coordinated action across different Ministries and

Departments including Health, Agriculture, Education, Urban Development, Environment, Youth Affairs and Finance among others. It identifies priority actions across risk factors such as tobacco use, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and harmful use of alcohol.

The Plan outlines the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders at National and State levels and emphasizes a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach. It focuses on health promotion, early diagnosis, strengthening of healthcare systems, improved surveillance and research, and the creation of enabling environments for healthy behaviors. The NMAP serves as a guiding document to support multisectoral collaboration, foster policy coherence and drive national efforts to achieve the voluntary global NCD targets by 2025 and the broader health-related targets of the SDGs by 2030.

3.7.1.5. Since your previous report, have you included civil society who are not affiliated with the tobacco industry in your national multisectoral coordinating mechanism for tobacco control?

Yes

3.8. *Bilateral agreement with WHO*

3.8.1. -

3.8.1.1. Is tobacco control or WHO FCTC implementation included in your current bilateral agreement (e.g. country cooperation strategy, bilateral cooperation strategy) with WHO?

Yes

3.9. *Comprehensive national laws, legislation, or regulations on tobacco control*

3.9.1. -

3.9.1.1. Do you have a comprehensive set of national laws, legislation, or regulations that specifically address tobacco control?

Yes

3.9.1.2. What year was the most recent tobacco control law, legislation or regulation adopted or amended?

2023

3.9.1.3. Since your previous report, what is the status of your current comprehensive set of national legislation, laws or regulations on tobacco control?

The law is being implemented

3.9.1.4. Please specify

3.9.2. Please upload a copy of your comprehensive set of national laws, legislation or regulations that specifically address tobacco control.

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[COTPA 2003 and the rules made under: https://ntcp.mohfw.gov.in/cigarettes_and_other_tobacco_products](https://ntcp.mohfw.gov.in/cigarettes_and_other_tobacco_products)

3.9.3. Do any of the measures implemented at the national level covered under the following articles provide for a specific mechanism/infrastructure for enforcement? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below:

3.9.3.1. Article 6

[Yes](#)

3.9.3.2. Article 8

[Yes](#)

3.9.3.3. Article 11

[Yes](#)

3.9.3.4. Article 13

[Yes](#)

3.9.3.5. Article 15

[Yes](#)

3.9.3.6. Article 16

[Yes](#)

3.9.3.7. Other

[Yes](#)

3.9.3.8. Please specify

[Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is also actively working in other demand reduction measures including Articles 9 and 10, 12, 14, 19](#)

3.9.4. -

3.9.4.1. Please share details on any of these specific mechanisms/infrastructures for enforcement:

[Under the National Tobacco Control Programme, specific mechanisms and infrastructure have been institutionalized to strengthen the enforcement of tobacco control laws, particularly the provisions under COTPA, 2003 and PECA, 2019.](#)

[At the State level, dedicated State Tobacco Control Cells \(STCCs\) have been established to supervise, monitor and facilitate enforcement activities across districts. The](#)

STCCs coordinate closely with enforcement agencies such as Police Departments, Food Safety Authorities, Education Departments and Urban Local Bodies. They are tasked with organizing sensitization programmes, capacity-building workshops for enforcement officers to ensure effective compliance with tobacco control laws.

At the District level, District Tobacco Control Cells (DTCCs) have been set up. District Level Coordination Committees, chaired by the District Collector or Deputy Commissioner, have been constituted to ensure inter-departmental convergence and operational coordination for enforcement. DTCCs are responsible for planning and conducting enforcement drives, monitoring compliance and documenting violations.

To further support and standardize enforcement efforts, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the updated Law Enforcers' Guidelines for COTPA, 2003 and PECA, 2019 in 2024. These guidelines provide comprehensive instructions to enforcement officials across sectors, detailing procedural aspects of enforcement, standard formats for recording violations, penalties for various offences, and best practices for strengthening field-level implementation. The guidelines also aim to enhance uniformity in enforcement practices and build capacity across enforcement agencies.

3.10. Availability and regulation of products

3.10.1. Are any of the following products legally available on your national market, whether for general sale or only under specific circumstances? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

3.10.1.1. Smokeless tobacco products

Yes, they are available

3.10.1.2. Waterpipe tobacco

Yes, they are available

3.10.1.3. Electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS)

No, they are banned

3.10.1.4. Electronic non-nicotine delivery systems (ENNDS)

No, they are banned

3.10.1.5. Heated tobacco products (HTPs)

No, they are banned

3.10.1.6. Nicotine pouches

No, they are banned

3.10.2. Are these products regulated in your laws or regulations? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

3.10.2.1. Smokeless tobacco products

[Yes, they are regulated](#)

3.10.2.2. Waterpipe tobacco

[Yes, they are regulated](#)

3.10.2.3. Electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS)

[Not applicable](#)

3.10.2.4. Electronic non-nicotine delivery systems (ENNDS)

[Not applicable](#)

3.10.2.5. Heated tobacco products (HTPs)

[Not applicable](#)

3.10.2.6. Nicotine pouches

[Not applicable](#)

3.10.3. Please upload a copy of laws or regulations that regulate these products.

3.10.3.1. File upload

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3.10.3.2. Webpage URL

COTPA 2003: ntcp.mohfw.gov.in/assets/document/Acts-Rules-Regulations/COTPA-2003-English-Version.pdf

PECA 2019: [ntcp.mohfw.gov.in/assets/document/The-Prohibition-of-Electronic-Cigarettes-Production-Manufacture-Import-Export-Transport-Sale-Distribution-Storage-and-Advertisement\)-Act-2019.pdf](http://ntcp.mohfw.gov.in/assets/document/The-Prohibition-of-Electronic-Cigarettes-Production-Manufacture-Import-Export-Transport-Sale-Distribution-Storage-and-Advertisement)-Act-2019.pdf)

4. Article 5.3: Protection of public health policies with respect to tobacco control from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry

4.1. *Progress in implementation*

4.1.1. -

4.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 5.3 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

4.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes to the implementation of Article 5.3 since the submission of your previous report:

India's score on the Global Tobacco Industry Interference (TII) Index has decreased from 69 in 2019 to 58 in 2023, suggesting a decrease in tobacco industry interference.

4.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes to the implementation of Article 5.3 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

At subnational levels, 24 States and Union Territories have issued notifications with over 50 District level notifications related to Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC.

4.2. *Measures under the Guidelines for implementation of Article 5.3*

4.2.1. Have you raised awareness among the public in the past two years about the following? Please choose the most appropriate responses for each of the below.

4.2.1.1. The addictive and harmful nature of tobacco products

Yes

4.2.1.2. Tobacco industry interference with Parties' tobacco control policies

Yes

4.2.1.3. The tobacco industry's practice of using individuals, front groups and affiliated organizations to act on their behalf (to further the interests of the tobacco industry)

Yes

4.2.1.4. The true purpose and scope of activities described as socially responsible performed by the tobacco industry

Yes

4.2.2. Have you raised awareness among branches of government in the past two years about the following?

Please choose the most appropriate responses for each of the below.

4.2.2.1. The addictive and harmful nature of tobacco products

Yes, among all branches of government

4.2.2.2. Tobacco industry interference with Parties' tobacco control policies

Yes, among all branches of government

4.2.2.3. The tobacco industry's practice of using individuals, front groups and affiliated organizations to act on their behalf (to further the interests of the tobacco industry)

Yes, among all branches of government

4.2.2.4. The true purpose and scope of activities described as socially responsible performed by the tobacco industry

Yes, among all branches of government

4.2.3. -

4.2.3.1. Have you established measures to limit unnecessary interactions between government bodies and persons working for these bodies with the tobacco industry?

Yes

4.2.4. -

4.2.4.1. Have you had any interactions with the tobacco industry NECESSARY FOR EFFECTIVE REGULATION OF THE INDUSTRY AND ITS PRODUCTS since the submission of your previous report?

No

4.2.5. Did you take the following measures to ensure transparency in necessary interactions with the tobacco industry since the submission of your previous report? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

4.2.5.1. Conducted interactions in public, such as through public hearings

4.2.5.2. Provided public notice of interactions

4.2.5.3. Disclosed records of interactions to the public such as posting [records/minutes] of meetings on a government website

4.2.6. Since the submission of your previous report, whether or not you accepted or rejected them, were you offered any of the following partnerships or arrangements with the tobacco industry? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

4.2.6.1. Non-binding or non-enforceable agreement with the tobacco industry

No

4.2.6.2. Voluntary arrangement with the tobacco industry

No

4.2.6.3. Tobacco industry participation in youth, public education or any initiatives related to tobacco control

No

4.2.6.4. Voluntary code of conduct or instrument drafted by the tobacco industry

No

4.2.6.5. Proposed tobacco control legislation or policy drafted by or in collaboration with the tobacco industry

No

4.2.6.6. Any other partnership with the tobacco industry

No

4.2.7. Since the submission of your previous report, have you taken any action to reject the partnerships or arrangements offered by the tobacco industry? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

4.2.7.1. Non-binding or non-enforceable agreement with the tobacco industry

4.2.7.2. Voluntary arrangement with the tobacco industry

4.2.7.3. Tobacco industry participation in youth, public education or any initiatives related to tobacco control

4.2.7.4. Voluntary code of conduct or instrument drafted by the tobacco industry

4.2.7.5. Proposed tobacco control legislation or policy drafted by or in collaboration with the tobacco industry

4.2.7.6. Any other partnership with the tobacco industry

4.2.8. Have you adopted any of the following measures to avoid conflict of interest, including among government officials, employees, consultants and contractors? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

4.2.8.1. Policy on disclosure and management of conflicts of interest for persons involved in tobacco control policies

Yes

4.2.8.2. Code of conduct for public officials prescribing standards for dealings with the tobacco industry

Yes

4.2.8.3. Ban on awarding of contracts for any work related to tobacco control policies to candidates who have conflicts of interest

Yes

4.2.8.4. Policy to require public officials who have been involved in tobacco control policies to inform their institutions about any intention to engage in any occupational activity with the tobacco industry within a specified period

No

4.2.8.5. Policy to require applicants for government positions related to tobacco control policies to declare any current or previous occupational activity with the tobacco industry

No

4.2.8.6. Requirement on government officials to declare and divest themselves of direct interests in the tobacco industry

No

4.2.8.7. Ban/restriction on government institutions and their bodies from having any financial interest in the tobacco industry

No

4.2.8.8. Ban on any person employed by the tobacco industry or any front group to be a member of any government body, committee or advisory group involved in tobacco control or public health policy

Yes

4.2.8.9. Ban on nomination of any person employed by the tobacco industry or front group to serve on delegations to meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COP) or its subsidiary bodies

Yes

4.2.8.10. Ban on any public official or government employee to accept payments, gifts or services, monetary or in-kind, from the tobacco industry

Yes

4.2.8.11. Ban on contributions from the tobacco industry or any front group to political parties, candidates or campaigns

No

4.2.8.12. Do you require full disclosure of contributions to political parties, candidates or campaigns from the tobacco industry or any front group?

4.2.9. Do you require the tobacco industry to periodically submit information on the following to relevant authorities? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

4.2.9.1. Tobacco production and manufacture

Yes

4.2.9.2. Market share

Yes

4.2.9.3. Marketing expenditures

No

4.2.9.4. Revenues

Yes

4.2.9.5. Lobbying

No

4.2.9.6. Philanthropy and corporate social responsibilities activities

Yes

4.2.9.7. Political contributions

No

4.2.9.8. Any other activities not prohibited or not yet prohibited under Article 13 of the Convention

No

4.2.10. Do you require the disclosure or registration of the following to relevant authorities? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

4.2.10.1. Tobacco industry entities

No

4.2.10.2. Organizations affiliated with the tobacco industry

No

4.2.10.3. Individuals acting on behalf of the tobacco industry, including lobbyists

No

4.2.11. -

4.2.11.1. Is your government required to impose penalties on the tobacco industry if they issue or communicate false or misleading information to government or the public?

Yes

4.2.11.2. Have you adopted measures to ensure public access to a wide range of information on tobacco industry activities, such as in a public repository (e.g. a dedicated webpage or an openaccess website)?

No

4.2.11.3. Do you prohibit acceptance by any branch of government contributions (e.g. financial, community, etc.) from the tobacco industry or those working to further its interests?

No

4.2.11.4. Have you taken any action to remove or prohibit the granting of incentives, privileges, benefits or preferential tax exemptions to the tobacco industry?

No

4.2.12. -

4.2.12.1. Do you have any wholly or partially State-owned tobacco industry operating in your country?

No

4.2.12.2. Do you treat a state-owned tobacco company in the same way that you treat a non-State-owned tobacco company or companies in the setting and implementation of tobacco control policy?

4.2.12.3. Do you separate the setting and implementing of tobacco control policy from overseeing and managing the tobacco industry?

4.2.12.4. Do you prohibit representatives of State-owned tobacco industry from being members of delegations to meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies?

4.2.13. Have you taken any of the following measures to monitor and enforce implementation of Article 5.3?

Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

4.2.13.1. Monitoring the tobacco industry, such as through a database on tobacco industry monitoring

No

4.2.13.2. “Whistleblower” protection in code of conduct or staff regulations

No

4.2.13.3. Complaint procedures such as an ombudsperson system

No

4.2.13.4. Measures to establish criminal/civil (including administrative) liability in relation to the implementation of Article 5.3

No

4.3. Implementation of measures under Article 5.3

4.3.1. -

4.3.1.1. Do the measures or actions referred to [in this Article 5.3 section] apply to the electronic nicotine delivery systems/electronic non-nicotine delivery systems (ENDS/ENNDS) industry?

5. Article 6: Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco

5.1. *Progress in implementation*

5.1.1. -

5.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 6 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

No

5.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 6 since the submission of your previous report:

5.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 6 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

5.2. *Laws and regulations on Article 6*

5.2.1. -

5.2.1.1. Do you have tax policies and, where appropriate, price policies on tobacco products so as to contribute to the health objectives aimed at reducing tobacco consumption?

Yes

5.2.2. Please upload a copy of laws and regulations relevant to Article 6. Where documents are voluminous, please upload only the applicable sections of laws and regulations relevant to Article 6.

5.2.2.1. File upload

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<https://cbic-gst.gov.in/gst-goods-services-rates.html>

6. Article 8: Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke

6.1. *Progress in implementation*

6.1.1. -

6.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 8 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

6.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 8 since the submission of your previous report:

The Government of India has launched the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign (TFYC) in 2023 and TFYC 2.0 in 2024 under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP). As part of the campaign strategies, priority has been given to promoting the declaration of Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI) and the establishment of Tobacco-Free Villages, both of which promote smoke-free public spaces in educational and community settings.

To strengthen enforcement, the campaigns have also focused on ensuring effective compliance with the provisions of COTPA, 2003, particularly Sections 4 (prohibition of smoking in public places) and 6 (prohibition of sale to and by minors) and the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act (PECA), 2019.

Enforcement activities have been supported through regular advisories and directives issued from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to the States and Union Territories, guiding local authorities on conducting enforcement drives, inspections and imposition of penalties for violations.

Further, large-scale social media engagement has been adopted during TFYC 2.0, with campaigns specifically aimed at youth to raise awareness about second hand smoking, importance of smoke-free environments and the existing laws supporting smoke-free environments.

6.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 8 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

6.2. *Laws and regulations on Article 8*

6.2.1. Please upload a copy of laws and regulations relevant to Article 8.

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Section 4 of COTPA 2003: https://ntcp.mohfw.gov.in/cigarettes_and_other_tobacco_products

7. Article 9: Regulation of the contents of tobacco products

7.1. *Progress in implementation*

7.1.1. -

7.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 9 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

7.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 9 since the submission of your previous report:

Section 11 of the Tobacco Control Act of India (COTPA-2003) mandates setting up of tobacco testing laboratories. Three National Tobacco Testing Laboratories (NTTLs) have been established at Central Drug Testing Laboratory (CDTL), Mumbai, Regional Drug Testing Laboratory (RDTL), Guwahati and apex lab at National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research (NICPR), Noida for testing tobacco products. A fourth national tobacco testing laboratory at NIMHANS has been approved by the MoHFW. All four NTTLs in India are a part of the WHO TobLabNet. Testing of tobacco products is being undertaken. These laboratories are first of their kind in the whole of South-East Asia region and would engage in generation of information on a variety of smoking and smokeless tobacco products currently consumed in India and the neighboring countries.

In further advancement towards product regulation India has constituted two specialized groups of experts. The Scientific Support Group (SSG) has been established at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) Chandigarh and the National Tobacco Regulators Forum (NTRF) has been set up at Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER) Puducherry. These groups support evidence-based regulation of tobacco products providing scientific and regulatory expertise.

Regular review meetings of the NTTLs and periodic meetings of the two support groups are conducted to ensure coordination and progress. Further reinforcing India's commitment in tobacco product regulation, India hosted the 7th Global Tobacco Regulators Forum (GTRF) in 2023 providing a platform for experts across countries to discuss and collaborate on matters related to tobacco product regulation.

7.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 9 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

7.2. *Testing and measuring of contents and emissions of tobacco products*

7.2.1. For each of the following tobacco products, do you require testing and measuring of emissions? Please select the most appropriate response for each of the below.

7.2.1.1. Smokeless tobacco

Yes

7.2.1.2. Cigarettes

Yes

7.2.1.3. Rolling tobacco for cigarettes

7.2.1.4. Waterpipe tobacco

Yes

7.2.1.5. Heated tobacco products

7.2.1.6. Other smoked tobacco products

7.2.1.7. Please specify

7.2.1.8. Other

7.2.1.9. Please specify

7.2.1.10. Do you require the use of a laboratory approved by your government for testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?

Yes

7.2.2. For each of the following tobacco products, do you require the testing and measuring of contents? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below:

7.2.2.1. Smokeless tobacco

Yes

7.2.2.2. Cigarettes

Yes

7.2.2.3. Rolling tobacco for cigarettes

7.2.2.4. Waterpipe tobacco

Yes

7.2.2.5. Heated tobacco products

7.2.2.6. Other smoked tobacco products

7.2.2.7. Please specify

7.2.2.8. Other

7.2.2.9. Please specify

7.2.2.10. Do you require the use of a laboratory approved by your government for testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?

Yes

7.3. Regulation of the contents and emissions of tobacco products

7.3.1. For each of the following tobacco products, do you regulate emissions (e.g. set maximum limits)? Please select the most appropriate response for each of the below.

7.3.1.1. Smokeless tobacco

No

7.3.1.2. Cigarettes

No

7.3.1.3. Rolling tobacco for cigarettes

7.3.1.4. Waterpipe tobacco

No

7.3.1.5. Heated tobacco products

7.3.1.6. Other smoked tobacco products

No

7.3.1.7. Please specify

7.3.1.8. Other

7.3.1.9. Please specify

7.3.2. For each of the following emissions, please indicate whether it is regulated in tobacco products. Please select the most appropriate response for each of the below.

7.3.2.1. Nicotine

7.3.2.2. NNK, 4-(N-nitrosomethylamino)-1-(3-pyridyl)-1-butanone

7.3.2.3. NNN, N'-nitrosonornicotine

7.3.2.4. Acetaldehyde

- 7.3.2.5. Acrolein
- 7.3.2.6. Benzene
- 7.3.2.7. Benzo[a]pyrene
- 7.3.2.8. 1,3-Butadiene
- 7.3.2.9. Carbon monoxide
- 7.3.2.10. Formaldehyde

7.3.3. -

7.3.3.1. Do you regulate the contents of tobacco products?

No

7.3.4. Do you ban menthol in the following tobacco products? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the products listed below.

- 7.3.4.1. Smokeless tobacco
- 7.3.4.2. Please specify
- 7.3.4.3. Cigarettes
- 7.3.4.4. Please specify
- 7.3.4.5. Rolling tobacco for cigarettes
- 7.3.4.6. Please specify
- 7.3.4.7. Waterpipe tobacco
- 7.3.4.8. Please specify
- 7.3.4.9. Heated tobacco products
- 7.3.4.10. Please specify
- 7.3.4.11. Other smoked tobacco products
- 7.3.4.12. Please specify
- 7.3.4.13. Other
- 7.3.4.14. Please specify

7.3.5. Do you ban menthol analogues, precursors and derivatives in the following tobacco products? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the products listed below.

7.3.5.1. Smokeless tobacco

7.3.5.2. Please provide details about the partial ban

7.3.5.3. Cigarettes

7.3.5.4. Please provide details about the partial ban

7.3.5.5. Rolling tobacco for cigarettes

7.3.5.6. Please provide details about the partial ban

7.3.5.7. Waterpipe tobacco

7.3.5.8. Please provide details about the partial ban

7.3.5.9. Heated tobacco products

7.3.5.10. Please provide details about the partial ban

7.3.5.11. Other smoked tobacco products

7.3.5.12. Please specify which other smoked tobacco products

7.3.5.13. Please provide details about the partial ban

7.3.5.14. Other

7.3.5.15. Please specify which other tobacco products

7.3.5.16. Please provide details about the partial ban

7.3.6. Do you ban other flavours or flavouring agents (other than menthol and menthol analogues, precursors and derivatives) in the following tobacco products? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the products listed below.

7.3.6.1. Smokeless tobacco

7.3.6.2. Please provide details about the partial ban

7.3.6.3. Cigarettes

- 7.3.6.4. Please provide details about the partial ban
- 7.3.6.5. Rolling tobacco for cigarettes
- 7.3.6.6. Please provide details about the partial ban
- 7.3.6.7. Waterpipe tobacco
- 7.3.6.8. Please provide details about the partial ban
- 7.3.6.9. Heated tobacco products
- 7.3.6.10. Please provide details about the partial ban
- 7.3.6.11. Other smoked tobacco products
- 7.3.6.12. Please specify which other smoked tobacco products
- 7.3.6.13. Please provide details about the partial ban
- 7.3.6.14. Other
- 7.3.6.15. Please specify which other tobacco products
- 7.3.6.16. Please provide details about the partial ban
- 7.3.6.17. Please give details on the specific other flavours or flavouring agents that are banned in tobacco products:

7.3.7. Do you ban other ingredients that may be used to increase the attractiveness/palatability or that may be used to mask tobacco harshness (e.g. sugars, sweeteners), in the following tobacco products? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the products listed below.

- 7.3.7.1. Smokeless tobacco
- 7.3.7.2. Please provide details about the partial ban
- 7.3.7.3. Cigarettes
- 7.3.7.4. Please provide details about the partial ban
- 7.3.7.5. Rolling tobacco for cigarettes
- 7.3.7.6. Please provide details about the partial ban
- 7.3.7.7. Waterpipe tobacco
- 7.3.7.8. Please provide details about the partial ban
- 7.3.7.9. Heated tobacco products

- 7.3.7.10. Please provide details about the partial ban
- 7.3.7.11. Other smoked tobacco products
- 7.3.7.12. Please specify
- 7.3.7.13. Please provide details about the partial ban
- 7.3.7.14. Other
- 7.3.7.15. Please specify
- 7.3.7.16. Please provide details about the partial ban

7.4. *Laws and regulations on Article 9*

7.4.1. Please upload a copy of laws and regulations relevant to Article 9.

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8. Article 10: Regulation of tobacco product disclosures

8.1. *Progress in implementation*

8.1.1. -

8.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 10 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

No

8.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 10 since the submission of your previous report:

8.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 10 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

8.2. *Regulation of tobacco product disclosures*

8.2.1. -

8.2.1.1. Do you require manufacturers or importers of tobacco products to disclose information about the emissions of tobacco products to governmental authorities?

No

8.2.1.2. Do you disclose information about the toxic emissions in tobacco products to the public in a meaningful way (that is in a way that may be understood by the public)?

8.2.2. -

8.2.2.1. Do you require manufacturers or importers of tobacco products to disclose information about the contents of tobacco products to governmental authorities?

No

8.2.2.2. Do you disclose the information reported about the toxic constituents in tobacco products to the public in a meaningful way (that is in a way that may be understood by the public)?

8.3. *Laws and regulations on Article 10*

8.3.1. Please upload a copy of laws and regulations relevant to Article 10.

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9. ENDS/ENNDS: Regulation of the product contents and product disclosures

9.1. *Regulation of ENDS/ENNDS product contents and disclosures*

9.1.1. Do you require the emissions of ENDS/ENNDS to be tested and measured? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

9.1.1.1. ENDS

[Not on national legal market](#)

9.1.1.2. ENNDS

[Not on national legal market](#)

9.1.2. Do you require the contents of ENDS/ENNDS to be tested and measured? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

9.1.2.1. ENDS

[Not on national legal market](#)

9.1.2.2. ENNDS

[Not on national legal market](#)

9.1.3. Do you require manufacturers or importers of ENDS/ENNDS products to disclose information about the emissions of ENDS/ENNDS products to governmental authorities? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

9.1.3.1. ENDS

[Not on national legal market](#)

9.1.3.2. ENNDS

[Not on national legal market](#)

9.1.4. Do you require manufacturers or importers of ENDS/ENNDS products to disclose information about the contents of ENDS/ENNDS products to governmental authorities? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

9.1.4.1. ENDS

[Not on national legal market](#)

9.1.4.2. ENNDS

[Not on national legal market](#)

9.2. Laws and regulations of contents, emissions and disclosures on ENDS/ENNDS

9.2.1. Please upload a copy of laws and regulations relevant to ENDS/ENNDS contents, emissions and disclosures regulations.

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10. Article 11: Packaging and labelling of tobacco products

10.1. *Progress in implementation*

10.1.1. -

10.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 11 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

10.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 11 since the submission of your previous report:

The Government of India has provisions under Section 7 of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, mandating that all tobacco products must display specified health warnings, including pictorial and textual warnings covering 85% of the principal display areas of the packaging.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has notified new rules on pictorial health warnings (evidence based/ field tested warnings), as per which the pictorial warnings shall be placed on both front and back sides of tobacco product packages and on 85% of the principal display areas. The new rules have been notified on 3rd December, 2024.

Pictorial warnings are rotated every twelve months.

The Government of India has launched the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign (TFYC) in 2023 and TFYC 2.0 in 2024 under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP).

As part of the campaign strategies, priority has been given to strengthen the enforcement ensuring effective compliance with the provisions of COTPA, 2003, including Section 7 of COTPA 2003.

Enforcement activities have been supported through regular advisories and directives issued from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to the States and Union Territories, guiding local authorities on conducting enforcement drives, inspections and imposition of penalties for violations.

10.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 11 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

10.2. *Laws and regulations on Article 11*

10.2.1. Please upload a copy of laws and regulations relevant to Article 11.

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https://ntcp.mohfw.gov.in/cigarettes_and_other_tobacco_products

11. Article 12: Education, communication, training and public awareness

11.1. *Progress in implementation*

11.1.1. -

11.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 12 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

11.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 12 since the submission of your previous report:

1. On May 31, 2023, MoHFW introduced the Tobacco Free Youth Campaign (TFYC) which was conducted for 60 days under four main strategies: raising public awareness about the dangers of tobacco, promoting Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI), strengthening enforcement of COTPA and creating Tobacco-Free Villages. On 24th September 2024, MoHFW launched the TFYC 2.0 for 60 days expanding its strategy to include PECA 2019 and social media engagement expanding its reach to engage with young people through social media platforms. All participants took the 'Say No To Tobacco' pledge. Three educational videos developed by WHO were released with one video developed specifically to be shared with schools across the country. Under strategy 1: escalate public awareness on harmful effects of tobacco, the State and Districts conducted Wide Print Media Coverage, Pamphlets in schools, Wall Paintings, Hoardings, Awareness Drive through local Celebrities, Miking/Public announcements, Social Media Campaign, Community radios, Street Plays, Puppet shows, Engage with NCC and Prabhat Pheries. Under strategy 5: amplify social media engagement, reels, infographics, memes and podcasts were posted for 60 days on the social media handle of the MoHFW. Further, 38 social media influencers were used for amplifying the objectives of the tobacco free youth campaign 2.0.
2. The Government of India introduced the Tobacco-Free Films and Television Rules in 2012. Observing a noticeable transition of viewership to OTT platforms, on May 31, 2023, the Government of India notified the COTPA Amendment Rules, 2023.
3. Under the TV and Film rules, 2012 and OTT rules, 2023 two new health spots were developed in 2024 and shared with Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for airing in the TV and Films.
4. Dedicated funds are made available to the State and District Tobacco control Programmes to conduct training of various stakeholders at the State/District level.

11.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 12 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

11.2. *Anti-tobacco media campaigns*

11.2.1. In the past two years, has there been any anti-tobacco media campaign in your country, at the national or subnational level, that has? Please choose the appropriate response for each item.

11.2.1.1. Aired on television

Yes

11.2.1.2. Aired on radio

No

11.2.1.3. Displayed on billboards, transit or other outdoor advertising

Yes

11.2.1.4. Published in press (e.g. newspapers)

Yes

11.2.1.5. Published on social media

Yes

11.2.1.6. Published on a website

Yes

11.2.1.7. Other ads on the internet

Yes

11.2.1.8. Other

Yes

11.2.1.9. Please specify

Traditional media, community

11.2.2. Please provide the name of one of your best anti-tobacco mass media campaigns in the past two years. Indicate websites or other details and upload the campaign materials used if available:

#	Campaign name	Campaign date (From)	Campaign date (to)	Campaign details	File upload	Webpage URL
11.2.2.1	TOBACCO FREE YOUTH CAMPAIGN 2.0	24-09-2024 00:00:00	23-11-2024 00:00:00			https://www.instagram.com/mohfwindia/reels/?hl=en

11.2.3. Did any of the anti-tobacco media campaigns aired in your country in the past two years at the national or subnational level cover the topics below? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

11.2.3.1. Health risks of tobacco consumption

Yes

11.2.3.2. Health risks of exposure to tobacco smoke

Yes

11.2.3.3. Addictiveness of tobacco consumption

Yes

11.2.3.4. Benefits of tobacco cessation

Yes

11.2.3.5. Information on help to quit tobacco use (e.g. promotion of the quitline)

Yes

11.2.3.6. A national quit tobacco use month or day

Yes

11.2.3.7. Quit and Win tobacco cessation campaign/competition

Yes

11.2.3.8. Tobacco industry efforts to interfere with tobacco control policies

Yes

11.2.3.9. Adverse environmental consequences of tobacco agriculture, production and/or consumption

Yes

11.2.3.10. Adverse economic consequences of tobacco agriculture, production and/or consumption

Yes

11.2.3.11. Tobacco free generation

Yes

11.2.3.12. Other

Yes

11.2.3.13. Please specify

11.2.4. Were any of the anti-tobacco media campaigns at the national or subnational level, that aired in your country in the past two years? Please choose the appropriate response for each item.

11.2.4.1. Adapted from campaigns developed in other countries?

No

11.2.4.2. Guided by research?

Yes

11.2.4.3. Subject to pre-testing?

Yes

11.2.4.4. Subject to monitoring? (e.g. to measure reach and awareness?)

Yes

11.2.4.5. Subject to evaluation? (e.g. to measure impacts on beliefs, intentions, behaviour?)

Yes

11.2.5. Please briefly describe the process that was used to adapt, research, pre-test, monitor and evaluate the best anti-tobacco mass media campaign you ran in the past two years:

11.2.5.1. Description

The National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) launched a dedicated Health Management Information System (HMIS) portal in 2020. A specific tab for Tobacco Free Youth Campaign within the portal was developed to facilitate systematic data collection from States and Districts across the country.

During the preparatory phase of the campaign, key performance indicators (KPIs) aligned with each strategic objective were disseminated to all States and Districts.

Subsequently, weekly data uploads were mandated, enabling real-time monitoring and evaluation of campaign activities. Regular review meetings were conducted to assess progress and provide support to underperforming States and Districts. These reviews helped maintain momentum throughout the campaign. At the conclusion of the 60-day campaign period, top-performing States and Districts were recognized across three categories: Large States, Small States and Union Territories (UTs). In addition to quantitative data, social media metrics were analyzed to assess the campaign's outreach and engagement, providing a comprehensive evaluation of its impact.

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11.3. Interventions and training programmes to raise awareness

11.3.1. In the past two years, have there been any of the following behavioural interventions at the national or subnational level? Please choose the most appropriate response for each item.

11.3.1.1. Behaviour change intervention to support cessation of tobacco use (e.g. incentives to quit)

Yes

11.3.1.2. Behaviour change intervention among a specific population to support cessation of tobacco use

Yes

11.3.1.3. Behaviour change intervention to reduce exposure of non-smokers (e.g. children) to tobacco smoke

Yes

11.3.1.4. Other

Yes

11.3.1.5. Please specify

11.3.2. Please briefly give details on the behavioural intervention that you ran at the national or subnational level in the past two years:

11.3.2.1. Description

Under strategy 5: social media engagement of TFYC 2.0, two weeks specifically focused on - raising awareness on the harmful effects of tobacco and benefits of quitting tobacco. TFV, OG for MI, HWG

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<https://www.instagram.com/mohfwindia/?hl=en>

11.3.3. In the past two years, have any of the following groups received training or specialized sensitization and awareness programmes on tobacco control? Please choose the appropriate response for each of the below.

11.3.3.1. Physicians

Yes

11.3.3.2. Other health workers

Yes

11.3.3.3. Community workers

Yes

11.3.3.4. Social workers

Yes

11.3.3.5. Media professionals

Yes

11.3.3.6. Educators

Yes

11.3.3.7. Decision makers

Yes

11.3.3.8. Administrators and fiscal, customs, and justice officials

Yes

11.3.3.9. Other

Yes

11.3.3.10. Please specify

Food safety officer, police personnel, etc.

11.4. *Youth, education or other initiatives by the tobacco industry*

11.4.1. -

11.4.1.1. Are you aware of any youth, public education or other initiatives organized or promoted by the tobacco industry in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

11.4.1.2. Have you made any efforts to counter these tobacco industry initiatives in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes, through communication (e.g. countered in a press release)

11.4.1.3. Please specify

12. Article 13: Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship

12.1. *Progress in implementation*

12.1.1. -

12.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 13 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

12.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 13 since the submission of your previous report:

1. India has implemented comprehensive and stringent measures to prohibit tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship across all forms of media, including television, radio, print and digital platforms. To address the display of tobacco products in Television and Films, the Government of India introduced the Tobacco-Free Films and Television Rules in 2012. Acknowledging the noticeable transition of viewership from traditional television and movie screens to OTT platforms, on May 31, 2023, coinciding with World No Tobacco Day, the Government of India notified the “Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Amendment Rules, 2023”. These amendments extended the existing Tobacco-Free Films & TV rules, 2012 to Over-The-Top (OTT) streaming platforms, marking India as the first country to enforce such measures in the digital streaming domain.

2. A portal for reporting violations of the provisions of PECA 2019 and COTPA 2003 over online medium was developed in 2024.

12.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 13 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

12.2. *Constitutional principle(s) precluding a comprehensive ban*

12.2.1. -

12.2.1.1. Are you precluded by your constitution or constitutional principles from undertaking a comprehensive ban on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?

No

12.2.1.2. Do you have restrictions on ALL tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?

12.2.2. If all/part of tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship are precluded due to constitution, please upload copy of the constitution/documents. Where documents are voluminous, please upload only the applicable sections of constitution/ documents relevant to the preclusion.

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12.3. *Cross-border tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship*

12.3.1. Do you ban cross-border tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship? Please select the most appropriate response for each of the below.

12.3.1.1. In-flowing advertising, promotion and sponsorship (entering your territory)?

[Yes](#)

12.3.1.2. Out-flowing advertising, promotion and sponsorship (originating from your territory)?

[No](#)

12.4. *Laws and regulations on Article 13*

12.4.1. Please upload a copy of laws and regulations relevant to Article 13.

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13. Article 14: Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation

13.1. *Progress in implementation*

13.1.1. -

13.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 14 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

13.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 14 since the submission of your previous report:

1. On 31 May 2024, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) released the Operational Guidelines for Establishing Tobacco Cessation Centres (TCCs) in Medical Institutions, marking a significant step in expanding cessation support services across India.

Following this, the National Medical Commission (NMC), the regulatory authority for all medical institutions in India, issued formal directives to all medical colleges nationwide to establish TCCs. To facilitate implementation, MoHFW, in collaboration with the NMC, organized training and sensitisation webinar on tobacco cessation for medical faculties.

On 24 September 2024, during the launch event of the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 2.0, the newly established TCCs within medical colleges were officially inaugurated in a virtual ceremony by the Hon'ble Minister of State, MoHFW.

This initiative added over 700 new TCCs to the existing network, bringing the total number of Tobacco Cessation Centres in India to more than 2,000 significantly enhancing the country's capacity to provide cessation support to tobacco users.

2. The frontline workers are often the first point of contact between a tobacco user and the healthcare system. Enhancing their capacity as linkages with the system for tobacco cessation is one of the best buys. Health Worker Guide for training community health workers to provide brief counselling was published in 2010. MoHFW revised the Health Worker Guide and released the latest version on 24 September 2024.

3. Evaluation of Quitline centres and services was done with the support of WHO.

13.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 14 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

13.2. Telephone quitline

13.2.1. -

13.2.1.1. Is there a telephone quitline number in your country?

Yes

13.2.2. Does the telephone quitline number have the features below? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

13.2.2.1. National coverage

Yes

13.2.2.2. Free to call or “toll-free”

Yes

13.2.2.3. Callers speak to a live person

Yes

13.2.2.4. Proactive quit line, makes planned calls to people who use tobacco

Yes

13.3. Novel approaches to deliver behavioural support

13.3.1. Are any of the novel approaches below used in your country to deliver behavioural support to quit tobacco use? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

13.3.1.1. Internet based behavioural support

Yes

13.3.1.2. Mobile phone text messaging behavioural support

Yes

13.3.1.3. Smartphone applications

No

13.3.1.4. Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology based behavioural support

No

13.3.1.5. Other

No

13.3.1.6. Please specify

13.4. *Actions that establish basic infrastructure for cessation*

13.4.1. To what extent, if at all, is training on tobacco cessation included in the curricula of each of the following health professional training schools? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

13.4.1.1. Medical

All or majority of schools

13.4.1.2. Dental

All or majority of schools

13.4.1.3. Nursing

No schools

13.4.1.4. Pharmacy

No schools

13.4.1.5. Other

13.4.1.6. Please specify

13.4.2. -

13.4.2.1. Is it mandatory to record tobacco use in all medical notes?

All medical notes

13.4.2.2. Is brief advice to stop using tobacco provided in health clinics or other primary care facilities?

Yes, in most

13.4.3. Is tobacco cessation support offered in the following places in your country? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

13.4.3.1. Health clinics or other primary care facilities

Yes, in most

13.4.3.2. Hospitals

Yes, in most

13.4.3.3. In the community

Yes, in most

13.4.3.4. Offices of other healthcare professionals

Yes, in most

13.4.4. Is the tobacco cessation support offered in the following places covered by the national/federal health insurance or the national health service in your country? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

13.4.4.1. Health clinics or other primary care facilities

Fully

13.4.4.2. Hospitals

Fully

13.4.4.3. In the community

Fully

13.4.4.4. Offices of other healthcare professionals

Partially

13.5. *Tobacco dependence treatment*

13.5.1. Can the following pharmaceutical products for the treatment of tobacco dependence be legally purchased in your country? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

13.5.1.1. Nicotine replacement therapy (NRT, e.g. patch, gum, lozenge, spray or inhaler)

Yes

13.5.1.2. Bupropion

Yes

13.5.1.3. Varenicline

Yes

13.5.1.4. Cytisine

No

13.5.1.5. Other

No

13.5.1.6. Please specify

13.5.2. Where and how can nicotine replacement therapy (NRT, e.g. patch, gum, lozenge, spray or inhaler) legally be purchased? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

13.5.2.1. Pharmacy with a prescription

Yes

13.5.2.2. Pharmacy without a prescription

Yes

13.5.2.3. General store or shop (e.g. supermarket, corner shop)

Yes

13.5.2.4. On the Internet

Yes

13.5.2.5. Other

13.5.2.6. Does the national/federal health insurance or the national health service cover the cost of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT, e.g. patch, gum, lozenge, spray, or inhaler)?

Partially

13.5.3. Where and how can bupropion legally be purchased? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

13.5.3.1. Pharmacy with a prescription

Yes

13.5.3.2. Pharmacy without a prescription

No

13.5.3.3. General store or shop (e.g. supermarket, corner shop)

No

13.5.3.4. On the Internet

No

13.5.3.5. Other

No

13.5.3.6. Does the national/federal health insurance or the national health service cover the cost of bupropion?

No

13.5.4. Where and how can varenicline legally be purchased? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

13.5.4.1. Pharmacy with a prescription

Yes

13.5.4.2. Pharmacy without a prescription

No

13.5.4.3. General store or shop (e.g. supermarket, corner shop)

No

13.5.4.4. On the Internet

No

13.5.4.5. Other

No

13.5.4.6. Does the national/federal health insurance or the national health service cover the cost of varenicline?

No

13.5.5. Where and how can cytisine legally be purchased? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

13.5.5.1. Pharmacy with a prescription

13.5.5.2. Pharmacy without a prescription

13.5.5.3. General store or shop (e.g. supermarket, corner shop)

13.5.5.4. On the Internet

13.5.5.5. Other

13.5.5.6. Does the national/federal health insurance or the national health service cover the cost of cytisine?

13.5.6. Are any of the following tobacco cessation medicines on the essential drugs list in your country? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

13.5.6.1. Nicotine replacement therapy (NRT, e.g. patch, gum, lozenge, spray or inhaler)

Yes

13.5.6.2. Bupropion

No

13.5.6.3. Varenicline

No

13.5.6.4. Cytisine

No

13.5.6.5. Other

No

13.5.6.6. Please specify

13.6. *Establishing system components*

13.6.1. -

13.6.1.1. Has your country developed and disseminated tobacco cessation clinical treatment guidelines?

Yes

13.6.2. Please upload a copy of the tobacco cessation clinical treatment guidelines.

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13.6.3. -

13.6.3.1. Has your country developed and disseminated a national tobacco cessation strategy?

No

13.6.4. Please upload a copy of the national tobacco cessation strategy.

13.6.4.1. File upload

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13.6.5. -

13.6.5.1. Does your national cessation strategy include cessation of ENDS use?

14. Article 15: Illicit trade in tobacco products; Article 6.2b

14.1. *Progress in implementation*

14.1.1. -

14.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 15 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

14.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 15 since the submission of your previous report:

1.Recommendations of the 55th Meeting of the GST Council: The Government of India, through the Union Budget, has proposed amendments to the Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Act, 2017 to introduce a track and trace mechanism for certain goods especially in cigarettes. A new Section 148A is proposed to be inserted into the CGST Act to enable the implementation of this mechanism. Additionally, Clauses 126 and 127 of the Finance Bill propose the insertion of Section 122B, which provides for penal provisions in cases of non-compliance with the track and trace requirements and lays the foundation for effective enforcement and monitoring. The introduction of these provisions reflects a significant move towards digitization and better supply chain monitoring.

2.Exposure visit to UK: Four officials from Ministry of Finance were deputed to HMRC, UK to learn about the Track and Trace mechanism for tobacco products in 2024. Coordination and support were provided by WHO FCTC, WHO – HQ and WHO – India Office.

3.The seizures made of illegal cigarettes are as follows: For the financial year 2023-24: 178,559,795 cigarette sticks were seized worth 308.34 crores. For the financial year 2024-25 (upto Feb 2025) 217,348,619 cigarette sticks were seized worth 452.78 crores.

14.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 15 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

14.2. *Marking of units of tobacco packaging*

14.2.1. -

14.2.1.1. Do you require the application of any markings to units of tobacco packaging, including any outside packaging?

No

14.2.2. Do the markings that you require to be applied to units of tobacco packaging, including any outside packaging? Please choose the most appropriate response for each.

14.2.2.1. Assist in determining the origin of the product?

14.2.2.2. Assist in determining whether the product is legally for sale on the domestic market?

14.2.2.3. For units sold on the domestic market, carry the statement: "Sales only allowed in ..." or carry any other effective marking indicating the final destination of the product?

14.2.2.4. Carry markings unique to each unit of tobacco packaging (e.g. each individual pack, carton, mastercase, or pallet) to allow the movement of the tobacco product to be traced and monitored through the supply chain?

14.2.2.5. Assist in determining the point of diversion and monitor the movement of the product?

14.2.3. Do you require that markings applied to each unit of tobacco packaging be: Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below:

14.2.3.1. In legible form?

14.2.3.2. In the principal language(s) of the country?

14.3. *Collection and exchange of information on cross-border trade*

14.3.1. -

14.3.1.1. Do you require customs, tax and other authorities to COLLECT AND MONITOR data on cross-border trade in tobacco products, including illicit trade?

Yes

14.3.1.2. Do your customs, tax and other authorities COORDINATE AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION on cross-border trade in tobacco products, including illicit trade with authorities from other countries?

Yes

14.4. *Legislation to establish unlawful conduct*

14.4.1. -

14.4.1.1. Do you have legislation to establish conduct such as the non payment of taxes, smuggling and application of false markings on tobacco products as unlawful conduct?

Yes

14.5. *Destruction or disposal*

14.5.1. -

14.5.1.1. Do you destroy or dispose of all confiscated tobacco, tobacco products and manufacturing equipment in your country?

Yes

14.5.1.2. Do you destroy or dispose of all confiscated tobacco, tobacco products and manufacturing equipment in your country using environmentally friendly methods?

Yes

14.6. *Control of storage and distribution*

14.6.1. -

14.6.1.1. Do you have measures to monitor, document and control the storage and distribution of tobacco products held or moving under suspension of taxes or duties?

Yes

14.7. *Confiscation of proceeds from illicit trade*

14.7.1. -

14.7.1.1. Do you have measures to enable authorities to confiscate proceeds derived from illicit trade in tobacco products?

Yes

14.8. *Cooperation and exchange of information among national authorities*

14.8.1. -

14.8.1.1. Do your relevant national authorities cooperate and exchange information with each other to combat illicit trade in tobacco products?

Yes

14.8.1.2. Do your relevant national authorities cooperate with other WHO FCTC Parties and relevant regional and international intergovernmental organizations to combat illicit trade in tobacco products?

Yes

14.9. *Licensing system*

14.9.1. Do you require a licensing or equivalent approval system for any of the following activities? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

14.9.1.1. Manufacture of tobacco products

Yes

14.9.1.2. Import of tobacco products

Yes

14.9.1.3. Export of tobacco products

Yes

14.9.1.4. Retailing of tobacco products

Yes

14.9.1.5. Wholesaling, brokering, warehousing and distribution of tobacco products

Yes

14.9.1.6. Growing of tobacco, except for traditional small-scale growers, farmers and producers

Yes

14.9.1.7. Transporting commercial quantities of tobacco products

Yes

14.10. *Duty-free sales*

14.10.1. -

14.10.1.1. Are sales to international travellers of duty-free tobacco products allowed in stores in your country?

Yes

14.11. *Estimated percentage of illicit products on the market*

14.11.1. -

14.11.1.1. Do you have any information (from sources not affiliated with the tobacco industry) about the estimated percentage of illicit tobacco products on your national tobacco market?

Yes

14.11.2. What percentage of the national tobacco market are illicit tobacco products estimated to constitute for the most recent available year?

#	Number (%)	Year	Sources	File uploads	Webpage URL
14.11.2.1	0 %	2023	Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs		https://dri.nic.in/main/smug2024

14.11.3. -

14.11.3.1. Do you have any information (from sources not affiliated with commercial and other vested interests related to ENDS/ENNDS, including the tobacco industry and affiliated entities) about the estimated percentage of illicit ENDS/ENNDS on your national ENDS/ENNDS market?

Not applicable, ENDS/ENNDS are not on the national legal market

14.11.4. What percentage of the national ENDS/ENNDS market are illicit ENDS/ENNDS products estimated to constitute for most recent available year?

#	Number (%)	Year	Sources	File uploads	Webpage URL
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14.12. *Data on seizures of tobacco or nicotine products*

14.12.1. -

14.12.1.1. Are you a Party to the Protocol?

Yes

14.12.2. Do you have aggregate data on seizures of tobacco or nicotine products from the past two years?

#	Tobacco and nicotine product categories (multiple rows allowed)	Product name	Year	Quantity of seizures	Unit of quantity	Value of seizures	Currency of value	Value of taxes evaded	Currency of value of taxes evaded	Data source
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14.13. *Laws and regulations on Article 15*

14.13.1. Please upload a copy of laws and regulations relevant to Article 15.

14.13.1.1. File uploads

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15. Article 16: Sales to and by minors

15.1. *Progress in implementation*

15.1.1. -

15.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 16 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

15.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 16 since the submission of your previous report:

India has made significant progress in strengthening the enforcement of the existing provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, as part of the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign (TFYC) in 2023 and TFYC 2.0 in 2024. This includes focused implementation of Section 6(a), which prohibits the sale of tobacco products to and by minors, Section 6(b), which prohibits the sale of tobacco products within a 100-yard radius of educational institutions and Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 (Section 77) which aim to protect minors from the harmful effects of tobacco consumption.

The campaigns have also advocated for the declaration of Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI) and the creation of Tobacco-Free Villages, both of which involve the implementation of Sections 6(a) and 6(b), thereby fostering safe and tobacco-free environments in educational and community settings.

To support enforcement, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued regular advisories and directives to States and Union Territories, encouraging local authorities to conduct inspections, launch awareness drives, and impose penalties for violations of COTPA provisions.

Additionally, TFYC 2.0 has leveraged extensive youth-centric social media campaigns to raise awareness about the harms of tobacco use and the legal protections under COTPA, particularly aimed at safeguarding the health and well-being of youth.

15.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 16 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

15.2. *Sales of tobacco products to minors*

15.2.1. -

15.2.1.1. Do you prohibit the sales of tobacco products to minors in your country?

Yes

15.2.1.2. What is the minimum age at which a person may purchase tobacco products?

15.2.1.3. Do you require that all sellers of tobacco products place a clear and prominent indicator inside their point of sale about the full legal age for purchasing tobacco products?

Yes

15.2.1.4. Do you require, in case of doubt, that each seller of tobacco products requests that the purchaser provides appropriate evidence of having reached the full legal age to purchase tobacco products?

Yes

15.2.1.5. Do you ban the sale of tobacco products in any manner by which they are directly accessible, such as open store shelves?

Yes

15.2.2. Do you ban the sale and/or manufacture of imitation tobacco products which appeal to minors? Please choose the most appropriate responses for each of the below.

#	Imitation tobacco products	Manufacture	Sale
15.2.2.1	Sweets	Yes	Yes
15.2.2.2	Snacks	Yes	Yes
15.2.2.3	Toys	Yes	Yes
15.2.2.4	Any other objects	Yes	Yes

15.2.3. -

15.2.3.1. Do you ban the sale of tobacco products from vending machines?

Yes, completely

15.2.4. Do you ensure that tobacco vending machines are: Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below:

15.2.4.1. Not accessible to minors

15.2.4.2. Do not promote the sale of tobacco products to minors

15.3. *Free distribution of tobacco products*

15.3.1. Do you prohibit the free distribution of tobacco products to the following groups? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

15.3.1.1. Minors

Yes

15.3.1.2. People under the legal age to purchase tobacco

Yes

15.3.1.3. People who have reached the legal age to purchase tobacco

Yes

15.4. *Sale of individual cigarettes or small packets*

15.4.1. -

15.4.1.1. Do you ban the sale of single sticks of cigarettes?

No

15.4.1.2. What is the minimum number of cigarettes allowed to be sold in a packet?

15.5. *Penalties against sellers and distributors*

15.5.1. Have you established penalties against sellers and distributors in order to ensure implementation of obligations under Article 16.1–16.5 of the WHO FCTC? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below:

15.5.1.1. Requiring that all sellers of tobacco products place a clear and prominent indicator inside their point of sale about the prohibition of tobacco sales to minors

Yes

15.5.1.2. Requiring, in case of doubt, that all sellers request that each tobacco purchaser provide appropriate evidence of having reached full legal age

Yes

15.5.1.3. Banning the sale of tobacco products in any manner by which they are directly accessible, such as store shelves

Yes

15.5.1.4. Prohibiting the manufacture of sweets, snacks, toys or any other objects in the form of tobacco products which appeal to minors

No

15.5.1.5. Prohibiting the sale of sweets, snacks, toys or any other objects in the form of tobacco products which appeal to minors

No

15.5.1.6. Ensuring that tobacco vending machines under your jurisdiction are not accessible to minors

Not applicable

15.5.1.7. Ensuring that tobacco vending machines do not promote the sale of tobacco products to minors

Not applicable

15.5.1.8. Prohibit or promote the prohibition of the distribution of free tobacco products to the public and especially minors

Yes

15.5.1.9. Prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually

15.5.1.10. Prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in small packets which increase the affordability of such products to minors

No

15.5.1.11. A total ban on tobacco vending machines

Yes

15.6. *Sales of tobacco products by minors*

15.6.1. -

15.6.1.1. Do you prohibit the sales of tobacco products by minors?

Yes

15.7. *Laws and regulations on Article 16*

15.7.1. Please upload a copy of laws and regulations relevant to Article 16.

15.7.1.1. Files

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Section 6 of COTPA: [https://ntcp.mohfw.gov.in/assets/document/Acts-Rules-Regulations/GSR-619\(E\).pdf](https://ntcp.mohfw.gov.in/assets/document/Acts-Rules-Regulations/GSR-619(E).pdf) ; Section 77 of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015:
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16. Article 17: Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities

16.1. *Progress in implementation*

16.1.1. -

16.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 17 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

No

16.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 17 since the submission of your previous report:

16.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 17 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

16.2. *Activities in the tobacco supply chain*

16.2.1. Are any of the following activities undertaken in your country? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

16.2.1.1. Tobacco growing

Yes

16.2.1.2. Tobacco processing

Yes

16.2.1.3. Tobacco product manufacturing

Yes

16.2.1.4. Small-scale or home industry manufacturing of tobacco products (e.g. bidis, hand-rolled tobacco, etc.)

Yes

16.2.2. -

16.2.2.1. Have you implemented programmes or measures in your country to promote economically viable and sustainable alternatives to tobacco growing?

Yes

16.2.3. What type(s) of mechanisms to support alternative livelihoods to tobacco growing have you implemented? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

16.2.3.1. Rural credit

Yes

16.2.3.2. Food acquisition for food security programmes

Yes

16.2.3.3. Family farming price assurance

Yes

16.2.3.4. Technical assistance and rural extension

Yes

16.2.3.5. Agrarian reform and credit

Yes

16.2.3.6. Social and economic organization

Yes

16.2.3.7. Infrastructure and services

Yes

16.2.3.8. Crop and income insurance

Yes

16.2.3.9. Cooperatives

Yes

16.2.3.10. Promotion activities

Yes

16.2.3.11. Other mechanisms to support alternative livelihoods

Yes

16.2.3.12. Please specify

16.2.4. Please give or upload any information you may have about mechanisms to support alternative livelihoods that have you implemented (e.g. types of initiative, brief descriptions of initiatives, number of persons covered):

16.2.4.1. Description

16.2.4.2. File upload

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16.2.5. -

16.2.5.1. Are tobacco growers provided with government subsidies (or public funds) to support tobacco growing/cultivation?

Yes

16.2.6. -

16.2.6.1. Have you implemented programmes or measures in your country to promote economically viable and sustainable alternatives for tobacco workers?

Yes

16.3. *Alternatives for tobacco individual sellers*

16.3.1. -

16.3.1.1. Have you implemented programmes or measures in your country to promote economically viable and sustainable alternatives for tobacco individual sellers?

No

17. Article 18: Protection of the environment and the health of persons

17.1. *Progress in implementation*

17.1.1. -

17.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 18 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

17.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 18 since the submission of your previous report:

Based on the prevalence rates from the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS-2; 2016-17), a study on The Environmental Burden of Tobacco Products Wastes in India was conducted by National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research. The study findings suggest that the annual Plastic waste corresponds roughly to weight of 73 million standard plastic buckets. Over 2.2 million trees are utilized per year for the Paper used in packaging of these products leading to excessive carbon emissions contributing generously to greenhouse effect. This weight of paper also corresponds to 119 million standard notebooks. The Filters littered into the environment correspond to the weight of approximately 9 million standard adult-sized t-shirts. The non-biodegradable aluminium Foil used weight equal to 33 Boeing 747 Aircrafts.

17.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 18 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

17.2. *Protection of the environment and the health of persons in respect of tobacco cultivation*

17.2.1. -

17.2.1.1. Have you implemented programmes or measures in your country that take into consideration the protection of the environment in tobacco cultivation (e.g. measures to address soil degradation due to use of pesticides)?

No

17.2.1.2. Have you implemented programmes or measures in your country that take into consideration the protection of the health of persons in relation to the environment in tobacco cultivation (e.g. measures to address green tobacco sickness)?

No

17.3. *Protection of the environment and the health of persons in respect of tobacco manufacture*

17.3.1. -

17.3.1.1. Have you implemented programmes or measures in your country that take into consideration the protection of the environment in tobacco manufacturing (e.g. measures to address carbon emissions)?

No

17.3.1.2. Have you implemented programmes or measures in your country that take into consideration the protection of the health of persons in relation to the environment in tobacco manufacturing (e.g. measures to address health effects of exposure to tobacco dust)?

Yes

17.4. *Protection of the environment and human health in relation to tobacco consumption*

17.4.1. -

17.4.1.1. Have you implemented programmes or measures in your country that take into consideration the protection of the environment and human health in relation to tobacco consumption (e.g. plastics pollution)?

Yes

17.5. *Research initiatives*

17.5.1. Have you conducted studies or collected data on the following? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

17.5.1.1. Prevalence of green tobacco sickness

No

17.5.1.2. Social impact of tobacco growing (e.g. child labour, conditions of work involved in tobacco growing and production)

Yes

17.5.1.3. Extent to which deforestation or forest degradation is due to tobacco cultivation

No

17.5.1.4. Tobacco product waste

Yes

17.5.1.5. Other health/environmental harm related to tobacco cultivation and manufacturing

17.5.1.6. Please specify

17.5.2. Please upload any available documents on the studies or data collected.

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18. Article 19: Liability

18.1. *Progress in implementation*

18.1.1. -

18.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 19 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

No

18.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 19 since the submission of your previous report:

18.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 19 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

18.2. *Criminal and civil liability*

18.2.1. -

18.2.1.1. Do you have measures to establish the criminal liability of individuals or corporate entities for any violations relevant to tobacco control?

Yes

18.2.2. Please indicate which of the following measures apply to establishing the criminal liability of individuals or corporate entities for any violations relevant to tobacco control. Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

18.2.2.1. Tobacco control legislation containing measures for violations of such law

Yes

18.2.2.2. Separate criminal liability provisions in relation to tobacco control (arising from law other than the tobacco control legislation)

Yes

18.2.3. -

18.2.3.1. Do you have measures or remedies to establish the civil liability of the tobacco industry?

Yes

18.2.3.2. Please specify

18.2.4. Please indicate which of the following measures or remedies apply to establishing the civil liability of the tobacco industry. Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

18.2.4.1. Legislation that allows recovery of tobacco-related health care costs

No

18.2.4.2. Class action procedures for tobacco-related claims

No

18.2.4.3. Liability standards that could apply to the manufacture, marketing and supply of tobacco products

Yes

18.2.4.4. Tobacco control legislation or general law that applies to the manufacture, supply, and marketing of tobacco products

Yes

18.2.5. -

18.2.5.1. Does your tobacco control legislation or your general law that applies to the manufacture, supply, and marketing of tobacco products include enforcement mechanisms such as fines and injunctions against the tobacco industry for violations of the law?

Yes

18.2.5.2. Does your tobacco control legislation or your general law that applies to the manufacture, supply, and marketing of tobacco products allow NGOs or the public to support [the enforcement] of tobacco control laws or relevant general laws (e.g. report violations directly via an official mechanism)?

Yes

18.2.6. -

18.2.6.1. Since the submission of your previous report, has there been any criminal and/or civil liability action taken, including for compensation where appropriate, against the tobacco industry?

Yes

18.2.7. Please give details on any criminal and/or civil liability action taken, including for compensation where appropriate, against the tobacco industry since the submission of your previous report:

18.2.7.1. Description

COTPA Section 4, No person shall smoke in any public place:

(1)Union of India Vs ITC Ltd., Etc. (TP No. 28322 of 2008)

(2)J&K Voluntary Health & Dev. Assoc. Vs State & Ors., (Jammu & Kashmir High Court), 2011

A.COTPA Section 5, No person shall directly or indirectly advertise tobacco products:

(3)Hemant Goswami Vs GPI & Ors., CWP NO. 313/2005, (Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh), case filed against

(4)Amarsinh Z Choudhari Vs UOI (Special Civil Application No.4848 of 2009) (High Court of Gujarat)

(5)Union of India Vs Mahesh Bhatt, (SLP(C) No. 8429-8431 of 2009)

(6)Kerala Voluntary Health Services Vs. Union of India, Writ Petition No. 38513 of 2010

(7)S. Cyril Alexander Vs UOI & Ors,(Writ Petition No. 9955/2014)

(8)Faith Foundation Vs State of Gujarat (W.P NO. 173 of 2017)

(9)Food Safety Officer Vs Yadav Singh, 2014

(10)S. Cyril Alexander Vs Union of India, W.P.No.22517 of 2017(Madras High Court)

(11)Divyam Aggarwal Vs Union of India & Anr(Delhi High Court), 2023

B.COTPA Section 6(a) No sale of tobacco products to persons below the age of 18 years and Section 6(b) No sale of tobacco products within 100 yards of any educational institutions:

(12)Cancer Patients Aid Association Vs State of Karnataka & Anr.(WP(C) No. 17958/2009)

(13)J&K Voluntary Health & Dev. Assoc. Vs State & Ors., 2011

(14)Kerala Voluntary Health Services Vs. Union of India, Writ Petition No. 38513 of 2010

(15)World Lung Foundation South Asia Vs Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, WP(C) 7540/2010

(16)Dinar Yashwant Sohoni Vs. The State of Maharashtra & Ors, (PIL No.98 of 2013)

C.COTPA Section 7 Pictorial Health Warning on Tobacco Product Packages:

(17)Health for Millions Vs Union of India and Ors.(Writ Petition (Civil) No. 549 of 2008)

(18)Health for Millions Trust Vs. Union of India and Ors.(SLP No 37348/2017)

D.Drugs & Cosmetic Act 1940, for Regulating use of Nicotine

(19)Laxmikant vs UOI & Ors., 1997(4) SCC 739(Supreme Court of India)

(20)Burning Brain Society Vs Union of India & Ors. (C.W.P No.14597 of 2007)

E.Food Safety & Standards Act 2006

(21)Central Arecanut Marketing Corporation & Others Vs Union of India, TC Case No. 1 of 2010

(22)The State of Maharashtra & Anr. Vs Sayyed Hassan Sayyed Subhan & Ors., SLP(Crl) No. 4475/2016.

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18.2.8. -

18.2.8.1. Since the submission of your previous report, has any legislative, executive, administrative and/or other action been taken against the tobacco industry for full or partial reimbursement of medical, social and other relevant costs related to tobacco use?

No

18.2.9. Please give details on any legislative, executive, administrative and/or other action taken against the tobacco industry for full or partial reimbursement of medical, social and other relevant costs related to tobacco use since the submission of your previous report:

18.2.9.1. Description

18.2.9.2. File upload

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18.3. Assistance in legal proceedings relating to civil and criminal liability

18.3.1. -

18.3.1.1. In the past two years, have you provided or made assistance available to other Parties in legal proceedings relating to the civil and criminal liability of the tobacco industry?

No

18.4. Laws and regulations on Article 19

18.4.1. Please provide copies of legislation, regulations, policies or any other instruments relevant to your answers in this Section (Article 19) and indicate the relevant provisions or sections in the space below:

18.4.1.1. Description

Individuals and corporate entities can be prosecuted for violation of the laws mentioned below:

1.Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (Sections 4 and 6 – individuals can be prosecuted; Sections 5 and 7- both individuals and corporations can be prosecuted)

2.Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act (PECA), 2019 (Sections 4 and 5)

3.Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 (Section 77)

4.Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (Regulation 2.3.4 of 2011 rules)

5.Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (Notification under Section 33(EED))

The three criminal laws in India which have replaced the previous laws, namely Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), and the Indian Evidence Act respectively; effective from 1 July 2024, establish criminal liability of individuals and corporate entities in India but do not establish tobacco-related offences.

6.Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita

7.Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita

8.Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam

Laws that establish criminal liability of individuals and corporate entities in India and establish tobacco-related measures:

9.Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017: Manufacturers of pan masala, gutka, and similar tobacco products will face a penalty of up to Rs 1 lakh if they fail to register their packing machinery with the GST authorities.

Other laws that establish criminal liability of individuals and corporate entities in India but are do not contain any specific provisions related to tobacco:

10.The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988

11.Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002

12.Competition Act 2002

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19. Article 20: Research, surveillance and exchange of information

19.1. *Progress in implementation*

19.1.1. -

19.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 20 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

19.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 20 since the submission of your previous report:

So far, there have been four rounds of the GYTS (GYTS-1: 2003, GYTS-2: 2006, GYTS-3: 2009 and GYTS-4: 2019) and two rounds of the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS I: 2009–10, GATS II: 2016–17) conducted under NTCP. Further, preparations are under process for the next round of both the above-mentioned surveys. The implementing agencies for both the surveys are onboarded.

19.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 20 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

At the sub-national level, all States and Union Territories (UTs) in India have released their respective fact sheets based on the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) and the Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS). These fact sheets provide detailed insights into tobacco use patterns, exposure to secondhand smoke, cessation efforts, and the impact of tobacco control policies within each state and UT.

19.2. *National system for monitoring or epidemiological surveillance*

19.2.1. Have you established or do you provide support for or maintain a national system for monitoring or epidemiological surveillance of? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

19.2.1.1. Patterns of tobacco consumption

Yes

19.2.1.2. Determinants of tobacco consumption

Yes

19.2.1.3. Health consequences of tobacco consumption

Yes

19.2.1.4. Patterns of exposure to tobacco smoke

Yes

19.2.1.5. Determinants of exposure to tobacco smoke

Yes

19.2.1.6. Health consequences of exposure to tobacco smoke

Yes

19.2.1.7. The use of novel and emerging tobacco and/or nicotine products

Yes

19.2.1.8. Tobacco-related costs

Yes

19.2.1.9. Tobacco-related mortality

Yes

19.2.1.10. Tobacco use among pregnant women

Yes

19.2.1.11. The use of tobacco cessation services and cessation (e.g. quit rates)

Yes

19.2.1.12. Illicit trade in tobacco products

No

19.2.1.13. Other monitoring and/or surveillance efforts relevant to tobacco control

Yes

19.2.1.14. Please specify

19.2.2. Please upload any major monitoring or epidemiological surveillance reports since the submission of your previous report.

#	-	File upload	Webpage URL
19.2.2.1	Patterns of tobacco consumption		
19.2.2.2	Determinants of tobacco consumption		

19.2.2.3	Health consequences of tobacco consumption		
19.2.2.4	Patterns of exposure to tobacco smoke		
19.2.2.5	Determinants of exposure to tobacco smoke		
19.2.2.6	Health consequences of exposure to tobacco smoke		
19.2.2.7	The use of novel and emerging tobacco and/or nicotine products		
19.2.2.8	Tobacco-related costs		
19.2.2.9	Tobacco-related mortality		
19.2.2.10	Tobacco use among pregnant women		
19.2.2.11	The use of tobacco cessation services and cessation (e.g. quit rates)		
19.2.2.12	Illicit trade in tobacco products		https://dri.nic.in/main/smug2024
19.2.2.13	Other monitoring and/or surveillance efforts relevant to tobacco control		

19.2.3. In the past five years has nationally representative prevalence data for the ADULT POPULATION been collected in your country for the following? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

19.2.3.1. Smoked tobacco product use

Yes

19.2.3.2. Smokeless tobacco use

Yes

19.2.3.3. Waterpipe tobacco use

Yes

19.2.3.4. Heated tobacco product use

Yes

19.2.3.5. ENDS and/or ENNDS use

Yes

19.2.3.6. Other tobacco or nicotine product use

Yes

19.2.3.7. Please specify

19.2.4. Please give details on the survey(s) used to collect data in the ADULT POPULATION in the past five years:

#	Name of the survey	Link to survey information	Upload survey report/information	Does the survey report include a breakdown of prevalence rates by age for males and females separately?
19.2.4.1	Global Adult Tobacco Survey 2016-17	chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgclefindmkaj/https://ntcp.mohfw.gov.in/assets/document/surveys-reports-publications/Global-Adult-Tobacco-Survey-Second-Round-India-2016-2017.pdf	74fabf07-cd4b-4a26-b478-40c2eeaa6228	Yes
19.2.4.2	National Family Health Survey - 5	chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgclefindmkaj/https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/NFHS-5_Phase-II_0.pdf	552e4411-473e-4aa2-9f2f-0a5c6618ab0e	Yes

19.2.5. In the past five years has nationally representative prevalence data for the ADOLESCENT POPULATION been collected in your country for the following? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

19.2.5.1. Smoked tobacco product use

Yes

19.2.5.2. Smokeless tobacco use

Yes

19.2.5.3. Waterpipe tobacco use

Yes

19.2.5.4. Heated tobacco product use

Yes

19.2.5.5. ENDS and/or ENNDS use

Yes

19.2.5.6. Other tobacco or nicotine product use

Yes

19.2.5.7. Please specify

19.2.6. Please give details on the survey(s) used to collect data in the ADOLESCENT POPULATION in the past five years:

#	Name of the survey	Age of survey (from)	Age of survey (to)	Link to survey information	Upload survey report/information
19.2.6.1	Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2019	13	15	https://ntcp.mohfw.gov.in/assets/document/surveys-reports-publications/GYTS%204%20Final%20Report.pdf	f07c1766-2682-4015-a064-701e537b0054

19.3. *Research on tobacco control*

19.3.1. Since the submission of your previous report, have you funded and/or supported research that addresses: Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below:

19.3.1.1. Patterns, determinants, and health consequences of tobacco consumption

Yes

19.3.1.2. Patterns, determinants, and health consequences of exposure to tobacco smoke

Yes

19.3.1.3. Novel and emerging tobacco or nicotine products

Yes

19.3.1.4. Tobacco-related costs

Yes

19.3.1.5. Tobacco-related mortality

Yes

19.3.1.6. Tobacco use among pregnant women

Yes

19.3.1.7. Tobacco dependence and cessation

Yes

19.3.1.8. Alternative crops to tobacco

No

19.3.1.9. Illicit trade in tobacco products

No

19.3.1.10. Patterns, determinants and health consequences of ENDS or ENNDS use

No

19.3.1.11. Other research relevant to tobacco control e.g. measuring impact of tobacco control policies or interventions

No

19.3.1.12. Please specify

19.3.2. Please upload any major research reports since the submission of your previous report.

#	-	File upload	Webpage URL
19.3.2.1	Patterns, determinants, and health consequences of tobacco consumption		
19.3.2.2	Patterns, determinants, and health consequences of exposure to tobacco smoke		
19.3.2.3	Novel and emerging tobacco or nicotine products		
19.3.2.4	Tobacco-related costs		
19.3.2.5	Tobacco-related mortality		
19.3.2.6	Tobacco use among pregnant women		
19.3.2.7	Tobacco dependence and cessation		

19.3.2.8	Alternative crops to tobacco		
19.3.2.9	Illicit trade in tobacco products		
19.3.2.10	Patterns, determinants and health consequences of ENDS or ENNDS use		
19.3.2.11	Other research relevant to tobacco control e.g. measuring impact of tobacco control policies or interventions		

19.4. *Voluntary National Review on the Sustainable Development Goals*

19.4.1. -

19.4.1.1. Have you submitted a Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

19.4.2. Was the information below included in your most recent Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of below.

19.4.2.1. Target 3.a: Information on progress in strengthening the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

19.4.2.2. Indicator 3.a.1: Age-standardized prevalence of current tobacco use among persons aged 15 years and older

19.4.2.3. Information on tobacco control under other SDG targets

19.4.2.4. Please specify

20. Article 22: Cooperation in the scientific, technical, and legal fields and provision of related expertise

20.1. *Progress in implementation*

20.1.1. -

20.1.1.1. Has there been any significant change in the implementation of Article 22 in your country since the submission of your previous report?

Yes

20.1.1.2. Please briefly describe any significant changes in the implementation of Article 22 since the submission of your previous report:

India hosted the 7th Global Tobacco Regulators Forum (GTRF) in 2023, which brought together international experts and regulators to share scientific knowledge, legal expertise and regulatory experiences in tobacco product regulation, including novel and emerging tobacco and nicotine products.

Additionally, India has operationalized three National Tobacco Testing Laboratories (NTTLs) located at CDTL Mumbai, RDTL Guwahati and NICPR Noida, which are recognized as part of the WHO TobLabNet, the global network of tobacco testing laboratories.

India has also actively participated in the sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the WHO FCTC and the Meeting of the Parties (MOP) to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products. India has served as the President to the MOP elected by MOP2 of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (ITP).

20.1.1.3. If any of the significant changes in the implementation of Article 22 have occurred at the level of subnational jurisdictions since the submission of your previous report, please provide details here:

20.2. *Financial assistance for the implementation of the WHO FCTC*

20.2.1. -

20.2.1.1. In the past two years, have you provided financial assistance to help strengthen the implementation of the WHO FCTC?

Yes

20.2.2. In the past two years, to whom did you provide financial assistance to help strengthen the implementation of the WHO FCTC? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below:

20.2.2.1. Civil society organization

Yes

20.2.2.2. International intergovernmental organization

Yes

20.2.2.3. Regional intergovernmental organization

No

20.2.2.4. Party to the WHO FCTC

No

20.2.2.5. WHO FCTC Knowledge Hub

Yes

20.2.2.6. Convention Secretariat

Yes

20.2.2.7. WHO

Yes

20.2.2.8. Other

Yes

20.2.2.9. Please specify

20.2.3. -

20.2.3.1. In the past two years, have you received financial assistance to help strengthen the implementation of the WHO FCTC in your country?

Yes

20.2.4. In the past two years, from whom did you receive financial assistance to help strengthen the implementation of the WHO FCTC in your country? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

20.2.4.1. Civil society organization

Yes

20.2.4.2. International intergovernmental organization

Yes

20.2.4.3. Regional intergovernmental organization

No

20.2.4.4. Financial institution

No

20.2.4.5. Development institution

No

20.2.4.6. Party to the WHO FCTC

No

20.2.4.7. WHO FCTC Knowledge Hub

No

20.2.4.8. Convention Secretariat

Yes

20.2.4.9. Philanthropic organization

No

20.2.4.10. WHO

Yes

20.2.4.11. Other

20.2.4.12. Please specify

20.3. Technical assistance for the implementation of the WHO FCTC

20.3.1. -

20.3.1.1. In the past two years, have you provided technical assistance to help strengthen the implementation of the WHO FCTC?

Yes

20.3.2. In the past two years, to whom did you provide technical assistance to help strengthen the implementation of the WHO FCTC? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

20.3.2.1. Civil society organization

Yes

20.3.2.2. International intergovernmental organization

Yes

20.3.2.3. Regional intergovernmental organization

No

20.3.2.4. Financial institution

No

20.3.2.5. Development institution

Yes

20.3.2.6. Party to the WHO FCTC

Yes

20.3.2.7. WHO FCTC Knowledge Hub

Yes

20.3.2.8. Convention Secretariat

Yes

20.3.2.9. Philanthropic organization

No

20.3.2.10. Other

No

20.3.2.11. Please specify

20.3.3. -

20.3.3.1. In the past two years, have you received technical assistance to help strengthen the implementation of the WHO FCTC in your country?

Yes

20.3.4. In the past two years, from whom did you receive technical assistance to help strengthen the implementation of the WHO FCTC in your country? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below.

20.3.4.1. Civil society organization

Yes

20.3.4.2. International intergovernmental organization

Yes

20.3.4.3. Regional intergovernmental organization

No

20.3.4.4. Financial institution

No

20.3.4.5. Development institution

No

20.3.4.6. Party to the WHO FCTC

Yes

20.3.4.7. WHO FCTC Knowledge Hub

Yes

20.3.4.8. Convention Secretariat

Yes

20.3.4.9. Philanthropic organization

No

20.3.4.10. WHO

Yes

20.3.4.11. Other

No

20.3.4.12. Please specify

21. Priorities, constraints, barriers, needs and final comments

21.1. *Priorities*

21.1.1. -

21.1.1.1. What are the priorities for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in your jurisdiction?

- Strengthen the effective implementation of the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) across all States and Union Territories, ensuring alignment with WHO FCTC.
- Strengthen enforcement of the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act (PECA), 2019, by conducting nationwide enforcement drives.
- Develop and operationalize a comprehensive Tracking and Tracing (T&T) system to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products.
- Implement a comprehensive national tax policy on all tobacco products.
- Release the National Strategic Action Plan for Tobacco Cessation (2025–2030).
- Integrate mCessation and Quitline services by creating a centralized digital platform to manage and respond to unanswered calls from the National Quitline Service.
- Conduct the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS-3) and Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS-5).
- Launch the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 3.0, with an expanded focus on curbing the use of novel and emerging tobacco products and leveraging social media and digital influencers for mass outreach, engagement and behavioral change among youth.
- Develop and disseminate targeted IEC materials, particularly for rural and tribal populations, addressing cultural sensitivities, promoting tobacco-free lifestyles and bridging awareness gaps in the underserved communities.
- Establish stronger intra- and inter-ministerial coordination mechanisms to create a whole-of-government approach towards tobacco control and to advance progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Strengthen the implementation of the OTT Rules, 2023, to regulate the online depiction, promotion and glamorization of tobacco products.
- Undertake comprehensive amendments to existing national tobacco control legislation, including strengthening COTPA, 2003.

21.2. *Constraints or barriers*

21.2.1. What, if any, of the following major constraints or barriers to WHO FCTC implementation have you encountered in the past two years? Please choose the most appropriate response for each of the below:

21.2.1.1. Lack of political will

No

- 21.2.1.2. Interference by the tobacco industry and its allies
Yes
- 21.2.1.3. Lack of intersectoral or subnational coordination
No
- 21.2.1.4. Low priority given to tobacco control
No
- 21.2.1.5. Political instability
No
- 21.2.1.6. Lack of civil society participation in tobacco control
No
- 21.2.1.7. Lack of technical knowledge
No
- 21.2.1.8. Lack of financial resources
No
- 21.2.1.9. Lack of staff/human resources
No
- 21.2.1.10. Lack of or ineffective enforcement
Yes
- 21.2.1.11. Lack of national data or research
No
- 21.2.1.12. Lack of awareness of the WHO FCTC among decision makers
No
- 21.2.1.13. Lack of or gaps in national legislation
Yes
- 21.2.1.14. Constraints and barriers related to individual articles
No
- 21.2.1.15. Please specify
- 21.2.1.16. Other
- 21.2.1.17. Please specify

21.2.2. -

21.2.2.1. Was interference by the tobacco industry and its allies your main barrier to WHO FCTC implementation in the past two years?

No

21.2.3. -

21.2.3.1. Were you able to overcome any constraints or barriers to the implementation of the WHO FCTC in your country in the past two years?

Yes

21.2.3.2. Please describe how you overcame any major constraints or barriers to the implementation of the WHO FCTC in your country in the past two years, and, if appropriate, how other Parties might learn from your experience:

One of the key challenges in the implementation of the WHO FCTC is the persistent and evolving interference by the tobacco industry in public policy. In 2024, CEO of Philip Morris International had sought a meeting with the Hon'ble Prime Minister to discuss the introduction of heated tobacco products (HTPs), which are non-combustible forms of tobacco. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, through a formal communication, strongly opposed the proposal, highlighting the provisions of the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act (PECA), 2019 and noting Mr. Olczak's repeated attempts to promote banned products under the pretext of harm reduction, including during the earlier Economic Times Global Business Summit. It was emphasized that there is no credible evidence supporting the safety or harm reduction potential of such products and that all forms of tobacco remain harmful and addictive. The Programme Division actively intervened to prevent this attempt, firmly recommending that the proposal not be entertained in the interest of public health and to protect the youth of the country from misleading industry narratives.

21.3. *Benefit from technical assistance to implement the WHO FCTC*

21.3.1. -

21.3.1.1. Would you benefit from any technical assistance to help implement the WHO FCTC?

Yes

21.3.1.2. Please describe the technical assistance you could benefit from to help implement the WHO FCTC:

India would benefit from enhanced technical assistance in the following areas:

1. Tobacco Product Regulation
2. Illicit Trade Protocol Implementation
3. Adoption of Global Best Practices
4. Comprehensive Taxation Strategies
5. Forward-Looking Measures and Tobacco-Free Generation
6. Alternative Livelihood Programs for tobacco growers, manufactures and sellers.
7. Conducting GATS and GYTS Surveys

21.4. *Any other relevant information*

21.4.1. -

21.4.1.1. Please provide any other relevant information not covered elsewhere in the reporting instrument that you consider important:

21.5. *Suggestions on the reporting instrument*

21.5.1. -

21.5.1.1. Please provide any suggestions for further development and revision of the reporting instrument:

22. User Manual of the online reporting platform (FCTCData)

[User Manual of the online reporting platform \(FCTCData\)](https://fctc.who.int/resources/publications/m/item/online-reporting-platform-(fctcdata)-user-manual)