



The Bharat Scouts and Guides

National Headquarters

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To
All the State Secretaries,
State Associations of
The Bharat Scouts and Guides,
INDIAN UNION.



Circular No. : 122/2017
Dated : 31st October, 2017

SUB.: Prevention of use of Tobacco products- Follow up by Members of the Bharat Scouts & Guides.

REF.: Notification by Govt. of India under the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Govt. of India has enacted Rules to take preventive health care, the Rules ban the use of Smokeless Tobacco Products among them.

The children below 18 years of age who constitute majority of our population are adversely affected by the use of Tobacco Products. The studies says that the children fall into trap of Tobacco Products due to "Peer Pressure." This is an opportunity for Scout/Guide Movement to create awareness among the children below the age of 18 years to keep themselves away from Tobacco.

The Advisory issued by the Govt. of India is as under:-

"It may be noted that the Government of India has already banned certain kinds of smokeless tobacco products like Gutkha, Chewing tobacco through the notification issued under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 (COTPA 2003) has been notified/implemented to discourage the use of tobacco products. Section (4) of the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 (COTPA 2003) prohibits smoking in public places. Section-(6) of COTPA, 2003 mandates that no person shall sell, offer for sale, or permit sale of, cigarette or any other tobacco product to any person who is under 18 years of age and in an area within a radius of one hundred yards of any educational institution. However, under the extant Rules there is no provision for complete ban on all tobacco products.

The Government has extended the Crop Diversification Programme to tobacco growing 10 States i. e. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamilnadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal to encourage tobacco growing farmers to shift to alternate crops/cropping system w.e.f.2015-16. The onus of enforcement of the provisions of the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act (COTPA 2003) and Rules made there under primarily lies with respective State/UT.”

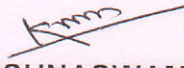
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Hence, it is advised to all persons involved in our Scouts and Guides mission, to discourage the cultivation of tobacco and use of its products, reporting violations as a part of Community Policing.

All are requested to make efforts to help the youths from becoming the victims of Tobacco use.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,


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OFFICIATING DIRECTOR

C.c. to: -

1. All the Office Bearers of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Headquarters.
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