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**CIRCULAR**

**Sub: Declare the public places of Lakshadweep – Prohibition of Smoking in Public places –reg**

Tobacco kills about 2500 persons daily in India alone. It is the most important risk factor for all non communicable diseases like hypertension, diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular diseases and stroke etc.

Whereas the central government has enacted the cigarettes and other tobacco products (prohibition of advertisement and regulation of trade and commerce, production, supply and distribution) Act, 2003, and (second amendments rules) G.S.R.417 2008 “There is a prohibition on smoking in public places and public places have to put the No smoking signage at prominent places to protect the youth and the masses from adverse harmful effects of tobacco use and second hand smoking.

Whereas COTPA envisages protection of non-user from in voluntary exposure to tobacco smoke, which specially finds mention in section-4 of the Act that prohibits smoking in public places which includes **Educational Institutions & Premises, Hospitals & Premises, All Gov. & Private offices and its premises, Courts, Libraries, Post offices, Markets, Shops & Malls, Hotel & Restaurants, Business and Industrial Establishments, Auditoriums, Parks, Resorts, Play Grounds & stadiums, Public & Private Transport (Ships, Vessels, Boats, Buses, Taxis, Auto Rickshaws etc.) and their related facilities, Jetty, Port, Auto/ Taxi stands, etc.**

Whereas in the interest of public health the above areas are declared as Tobacco Free Zone. As such smoking in the above places is prohibited and it is a punishable offence under section 21 of the COTPA, 2003 with fine which may extend to Two hundred rupees.

  
Collector & Secretary (Health)

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