

Regarding Government offices and non-governmental organizations not participating in programs organized by cigarette and tobacco-producing companies or companies sponsoring their sponsorship

Government of Maharashtra
Public Health Department
Government Circular no.:NTCP-2017/pr.No.208/Aa-5,
8th and 10th Floor, Complex Building, New Mantralaya,
G.T.Hospital Campus,Mumbai-400001
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Reference:

1. The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 or COTPA, 2003
2. Letter outward No.DHS/NCD/NTCP/455/2017 of Joint Director (NCD),Health services, Mumbai dated 16.06.2017

Circular:

Section 5 of Cigarette and Tobacco Products (Advertising, Prevention and Trade, Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act (COTPA) 2003 prohibits the promotion of cigarette or tobacco products directly or indirectly. Sub -Section 5 .3 of the said section 5 prohibits the promotion of scholarships, rewards, gifts or sponsorships offered in the form of promotion of cigarettes or other tobacco products or promoting the promotion of tobacco products. Therefore, for effective enforcement of Section 5.3 of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003 all government departments in the state and their offices / agencies should **not participate in the program organized by companies** producing cigarette and other tobacco products. Also, **scholarships, rewards or gifts** given by cigarette and tobacco-producing companies / sponsorship companies / organizations **should not be accept.**

2. Circular issued by the Government of Maharashtra is available on www.maharashtra.gov.in this website, this code is provided as 201710041641590517. This Circular is being attested by the digital signature.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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Under Secretary, Govt.of Maharashtra

