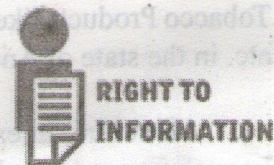
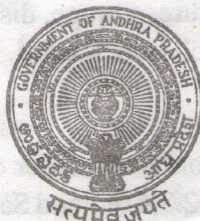


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### COMMISSIONER OF FOOD SAFETY, ANDHRA PRADESH, HYDERABAD.

IMPOSITION OF PROHIBITION ON MANUFACTURE, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION, SALE OF GUTKA, PANMASALA, CHEWING TOBACCO PRODUCTS LIKE CHAP TOBACCO, PURE TOBACCO, KHAINI, KHARRA, SCENTED TOBACCO/FLAVOURED TOBACCO Etc. OR BY WHATEVER NAME IT IS CALLED IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH UNDER FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS ACT, 2006.

**Notification No. 1378/F1/2013.**— Whereas the Government of India has enacted Food Safety and Standards Act 2006, to regulate and monitor the manufacturing, processing, packing, transport, storage, distribution, sale and import of any food or food ingredient, so as to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.

Whereas the Regulation 2.3.4 of FSS (prohibition and Restriction on sales) Regulations 2011 made under the FSS Act 2006 prohibits tobacco and nicotine shall not be used as ingredients in any food products.

Whereas the Commissioner of Food Safety has the power coupled with duty under section 30 (2) (a) of the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 to prohibit in the interest of public health, the manufacture, storage, distribution or sale of any article of food, either in whole of the state or any area or part thereof for such period, not exceeding one year, as may be specified in the order notified in the Official Gazette.

Scientific Reports/opinions (Indian Council of Medical Research and National Institute of Health and Family Welfare) demonstrate the extremely harmful effects of consumption of Gutka/Panmasala/Chewing Tobacco such as Cancers (Oral pre-malignant lesions/conditions)-Oesophageal Cancer, Stomach Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Throat (Pharynx and Larynx) Cancer, Renal Cancer, Non-Cancerous - deterioration of Oral-dental health, Hypertension & Cardiovascular diseases.

Whereas it is the Commissioner of Food Safety/ State Government's endeavour to achieve an appropriate level of protection of human life and health as per section 18(1) (a) of the FSS Act 2006.

It is expedient to prohibit the manufacture, storage, distribution, sale of Gutka, Panmasala, Chewing Tobacco Products like Chap Tobacco, Pure Tobacco, Khaini, Kharra, Scented Tobacco / Flavoured Tobacco etc. in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (a) of Sub-Section (2) of section 30 of Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 read with 2.3.4 of Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on sales) Regulation 2011 and in the interest of public health, the Commissioner of Food Safety, Andhra Pradesh hereby prohibits the manufacture, storage, distribution, sale of Gutka / Panmasala / Chewing Tobacco products like Chap Tobacco, Pure Tobacco packed in sachets / pouches, Khaini, Kharra, Scented Tobacco / Flavoured Tobacco etc. or by whatever name it is called in the entire state of Andhra Pradesh for a period of one year with effect from 10th January, 2014.

Hyderabad,  
19-12-2013.

(Sd/-),

Commissioner of Food Safety,  
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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