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Dear Sir,

You may be aware that the Global Adult Tobacco Survey conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has revealed that every third person in Rajasthan State is in the habit of using tobacco products in some form or the other. Large proportion of cancer and lung disorders are mainly caused due to tobacco consumption, this menace is making a dent in the society in form of illness, disability and productivity loss.

The Cigarette and Other Tobacco Product Act, 2003 (COTPA, 2003) has specific provisions related to smoking ban in public places, prohibition of sale of tobacco products near educational institutions, prohibition of sale of tobacco products to and by children below the age 18 years and prohibition of advertisement, sponsorship and promotion of tobacco products.

Circuit houses in the State play a crucial role in providing accommodation to the government officials and public representatives across the state. All circuit houses come under the category of public places as defined under Section 3 & 4 of the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003. Even mere presence of ashtrays, match boxes and other smoking aids in rooms and in common areas are in contravention to the Smoke Free Rules under Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003.

Considering the importance of the issue I may urge you to kindly look into the matter and issue necessary directions to the concerned to ensure that entire campus of circuit houses/dak bungalows be declared as smoke free zone and ashtrays match boxes and other smoking aids are not provided in rooms and common areas in these accommodations as per statutory provisions of COTPA, 2003.

Encl : Key Provisions of COTPA, 2003.

with regards

Yours sincerely,

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**Implementation of Smoke Free Rules in Circuit Houses/
Dak Bangla's in Rajasthan State**

Circuit houses in the State plays crucial role in providing accommodation to the Government Officials and Public representatives across the state and in some big cities like New Delhi and Mumbai. All these circuit houses come under the category of public places as defined under Section 3 & 4 of the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003.

It has been observed during field visits that **Ashtrays** are provided in rooms and in common areas in circuit houses situated in Districts. **These practices not only promote smoking in these accommodations but also in contravention to the Smoke Free Rules under Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003.**

Key features of the Prohibition of Smoking in a Public Place are as under:


1. The owner, proprietor, manager, supervisor or In-charge of the affairs of a public place shall ensure that:
 - a) No person smokes in public place (under his jurisdiction)
 - b) The board as specified in schedule II is displayed prominently at the entrance of the public place, in case there are more than one entrance at each such entrance and conspicuous place(s) inside. In case there are more than one floor, at each floor including the staircase and entrance to the lift/s at each floor.
 - c) No ashtrays, matches, lighters or other things designed to facilitate smoking are provided in public places.
2. The owner, proprietor, manager, supervisor or In-charge of the affair of a public place shall notify and cause to be displayed prominently the name of the person(s) to whom a complaint may be made by a person(s) who observes any person violating the provision of these Rules.
3. If the owner, proprietor, manager, supervisor or the authorized officer of a public place fails to act on report of such violations, the owner, proprietor, manager supervisor or the authorized officer shall be liable to pay the fine equivalent to the number of individual offences.

Additional Provisions for Hotels, Restaurants and Airports:-:

1. The owner, proprietor, manager, supervisor or In-charge of the affair of a hotel having thirty or more rooms or restaurant having seating capacity of thirty persons or more and the manager of the airport may provide for smoking area or space as per following mentioned specifications:
 - ✓ Is physically separated and surrounded by full height walls on all four sides.
 - ✓ Has an entrance with an automatically closing door normally kept in close position
 - ✓ Has an air flow system as specified under
 - ❖ That is exhausted directly to the outside and not mixed back into the supply air for the other parts of the building ; and

- ❖ It is fitted with a non re-circulating exhaust ventilation system or an air cleaning system, or by a combination of the two, to ensure that the air discharges only in a manner that does not re-circulate or transfer it from a smoking area or space to non-smoking areas.
 - ✓ Has negative air pressure in comparison with the remainder of the building.
2. Smoking area or space shall not be established at the entrance or exit of the hotel, restaurant and the airport and shall be distinctively marked as "Smoking Area" in English and one Indian Language, as applicable.
 3. A smoking area or space shall be used only for the purpose of smoking and no other services(s) shall be allowed.
 4. The owner, proprietor, manager, supervisor or In-Charge of the affair of a hotel having thirty or more rooms may designate separate smoking rooms in the manner prescribed as under:
 - ❖ All the rooms so designated shall form a separate section in the same floor or wing, as the case may be. In case more than one floors/wings the room shall be in one floor/wing as the case may be.
 - ❖ All such rooms shall be distinctively marked as "Smoking rooms" in English or one Indian language, as applicable.
 - ❖ The smoke from such room shall be ventilated outside and does not infiltrate/permeate into the non smoking areas of the hotel including lobbies and the corridors.

Figure - 1. Signs

Design of the signage	Specification of the board
 <p style="text-align: center;">No Smoking Area - Smoking Here Is an Offence</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The board shall be of a minimum size of 60 cm by 30 cm of white background 2. It shall contain a circle of no less than 15 cm outer diameter with a red perimeter of no less than 3 cm wide with a picture, in the centre, of a cigarette or beard with black smoke and crossed by a red line. 3. The width of the red band across the cigarette shall equal the width of the red perimeter 4. The board shall contain the warning "No Smoking Area - Smoking Here Is an Offence", in English or one Indian language, as applicable.