

Tobacco Control Laws in India

COTPA Laws	Violation of COTPA is Punishable
	Punishments (penalty, imprisonment or both)
Prohibition of smoking in public places (Sec.4);	<p>a. Any violation of section 4 of COTPA is punishable under Section 21 of the Act with a fine up to Rs. 200/- (up to Rupees Two Hundred).</p> <p>b. The owner/manager/in-charge of a public place must display a board containing the warning "No Smoking Area - Smoking here is an offence" in appropriate manner at the entrance and inside the premises.</p>
Prohibition of advertisement, promotion and sponsorship of tobacco products (Sec.5);	<p>a. First conviction shall be punished with up to 2 years in imprisonment or with fine which can extend to Rs. 1000.</p> <p>b. In case of subsequent conviction shall be punished with up to 5 years in imprisonment or with fine which can extend to Rs. 5000.</p>
Prohibition on sale of tobacco products to minors and within 100 yards of educational institutions (Sec.6)	Any violation of section 6 of COTPA is punishable with a fine up to Rs. 200/- (up to Rupees Two Hundred).
(Sec.7, 8 & 9). Specified health warning labels on all tobacco products & prohibition on sale of other tobacco related products	<p>a. A person who manufactures tobacco products and fails to adhere to the norm related to warnings on packages on first conviction shall be punished with up to 2 years in imprisonment or with fine which can extend to Rs. 5000, in case of subsequent conviction shall be punished with up to 5 years in imprisonment or with fine which can extend to Rs. 10000.</p> <p>b. A person who Sales tobacco products on first conviction 2 years in imprisonment or fine with Rs. 1000, in case of subsequent conviction shall be punished upto 2 years imprisonment or fine with Rs. 3000.</p>

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