

Sensitization Workshop on COTPA,2003 for the Police Officials of Purulia on 27.02.2018

Introduction:

Tobacco use continues to be the leading global cause of death and threatening to become an uncontrollable epidemic with 13 lakhs deaths every year due to Tobacco diseases. As a result Tobacco related mortality is increasing day by day. Economic burden (both Direct and Indirect) of Tobacco use India, is estimated Rs.1,04,500 crores per year. In this context Tobacco Control Programme aims to reduce diseases, disabilities and deaths related to tobacco use. In this perspective **MANT** is on the way towards establishment of an effective and efficient system of Tobacco Control in West Bengal.

Planning:

As per order of Deputy Inspector General of Police, CID, West Bengal to all SPs/SRPs/All CPs of all commissionerates of West Bengal Police, Executive Director, MANT approached to Superintendent of Police, Purulia to organize a Sensitization programme in regard to Cigarettes and other Tobacco products Act. 2003. After several interactions Superintendent of Police, Purulia finalized a date of Sensitization workshop on COTPA, 2003 for the Police Officials of Purulia on 27th February at 11 AM.

Focus:

The main focus of the programme was to orient and sensitize police officials of Purulia regarding the health & economic burden of tobacco use and about a comprehensive enforcement strategy through the implementation of **Cigarette and other Tobacco Product (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003** which can significantly reduce or eliminate the exposure to smoking.



Venue: Conference Hall, SP office, Purulia

Programme Date: 27.02.2018

Schedule Time: 11 AM

Duration Time: One Hour

Target Group:

Police Officials of Purulia

No. of Stakeholders: 47

Resources Persons:

- Superintendent of Police, Purulia
- Executive Director, MANT Kolkata
- Director, MANT Kolkata
- Regional Coordinator, MANT Kolkata

Content of the Programme:

- Tobacco burden in India and health effects of tobacco use: Special reference to Kolkata Police & Howrah city Police.
- An Overview of COTPA (Section 4, 5, 6, 7).
- Role of police in enforcement drives.



Methodology:

- Presentation on Health Burden of Tobacco Use and an overview of COTPA 2003.
- Videos on enforcement
- Interactive sessions.

Decision Taken:

- It has been decided that signage of Section 4 will be displayed at all police stations of Purulia
- Nodal officers will be selected.
- MANT was requested by SP, Purulia to share all the Government Orders & a plan of enforcement of COTPA, 2003 under the jurisdiction of Purulia Police Administration.
- Specimen copy of signage Section 4 has been shared with police administration.

Feed Back:

All the police officials committed that they would take required initiatives to make their police stations smokefree as soon as possible.