

## Ramadoss wants Rs.1 bn more for anti-tobacco campaign

Union Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss said Monday he would seek around Rs.1 billion (Rs.100 crore) more from the central government for the anti-tobacco campaign, for which Rs.4.25 billion (Rs.425 crore) has already been provided.

Members of parliament, state legislatures, panchayats (village councils) and teachers would be involved in the campaign against tobacco consumption, he said at a function at [Bangalore](#) Medical College.

'My ministry will seek additional Rs.1-1.25 billion to take forward the campaign,' Ramadoss said.

Smoking in public places was banned throughout India late last year. Violators are fined Rs.200.

Ramadoss said more than laws, creating awareness among the people about dangers of tobacco consumption would make the campaign a success.

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