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Summary

Hasty amendment of tobacco control law

Recently, there have been allegations that some irrelevant vested interests are influencing the implementation of the necessary amendments to the Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products (Control) Act, 2005 (amended in 2013) by the Ministry of Health. The Ministry has set a time limit of 7 days for the concerned ministries to give written statements on the draft law. Concerned stakeholders feel that 7 days is not enough time for the amendment of an essential law. Besides, there have been complaints that they are taking into account the pressure of NGOs to amend the law, ignoring the opinions of the stakeholders.

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