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## Recommendations for State Governments

The delivery of health services is mainly the responsibility of the State (provincial) Governments, as per the allocation of powers and duties under the federal structure of the Indian Constitution. No health programme can hope to succeed without the active participation and leadership of the State Governments. The multisectoral nature of the tobacco control programme must be recognized by these governments too, as in the case of the Centre. It is recommended that the State Governments

1. Establish a State-level Inter-ministerial Coordination Committee of Secretaries, representing relevant ministries, to guide and monitor the implementation of activities envisaged under the NPTC, in each State/ Union Territory.
2. Establish district-level Coordination Committees, with representation of multiple stakeholder groups (excluding the tobacco industry and its affiliates), for guiding and monitoring the implementation of activities envisaged under the NPTC, at the State level.
3. Integrate programme-related activities into the regular functioning of primary, secondary and tertiary health care services in the State, as relevant.
4. Establish partnerships with civil society organizations and the private sector (excluding the tobacco industry and its affiliates) for advancing the implementation of the activities proposed under the NPTC.
5. Adopt fiscal policies (tax-linked financial disincentives, and discontinuation of direct and indirect subsidies) that will reduce tobacco consumption.
6. Empower local self-government bodies (*panchayats*) to effectively undertake tobacco control programmes in rural areas.