

Write a Letter to the Editor about Censorship on Cigarette Smoking Scenes in Indian Cinema

Question: In this bid to educate people about the harmful effects of cigarette smoking, the Govt. of India has been taking serious steps to prevent it. A few years ago it ordered all cigarette *manufacturing* units to insert a statutory warning on cigarette packs. Now it is considering *censorship* of all **cigarette smoking scenes in Indian cinema**. [Write a letter to the editor](#) of a national daily giving your own views.

Answer:

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The Editor,
The Hindustan Times,
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Subject: Censorship on Cigarette Smoking Scenes in Indian Cinema

Sir,

Please allow me to use some space in your esteemed paper about the *government's consideration to censor* all **cigarette smoking scenes in Indian cinema**. As a conscientious citizen, I appreciate this step because smoking adversely affects our *nervous system* and *asthma*. All the more it affects the person who is sitting beside the *smoker*. More than *8,00,000 people* die every year from smoking-related *diseases*. In a way, it is a *slow poison* and gateway to an early death.

Some *preventative* steps have been initiated by the government and a statutory warning is written. Smoking is *injurious* to health but the *addict* finds it difficult to rid of this *bad habit*. As a part of this drive, the government is thinking to put a censor on all smoking scenes in Indian cinema. But it will remain a dream since the cinema exhibits life and society in the true form. Banning smoking on the screen is surely no answer to the problem. "*No Tobacco Day*" is celebrated every year to aware the public of its *harmful effects*. There is a statutory warning on every cigarette packet but the results are not much fruitful.

In case the government is serious about its *ban*, it will be appropriate to close down the *cigarette manufacturing* units and put a ban on *tobacco production*. Let us wait and see the wisdom of government in this regard. No smoking regions should be declared to save humanity.

Yours faithfully
X.Y.Z.

