

Big increase in excise duty on cigarettes

Excise duty on cigarettes has been hiked in a big way. For non-filter cigarettes below 65 mm, excise duty will go up from ₹90 per thousand to ₹200 per thousand. On filter cigarettes over 65 mm and up to 70 mm, duty is up from ₹145 per thousand to ₹250 per thousand. Excise duty will also go up on chewing tobacco, scented zarda, hookahs and snuff.