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## ***Banning e-cigarettes could harm public health, AVI warns Hry Govt***

**T**he rumors and myths spread in the state about e-cigarettes are completely false said a consumer body Association of Vapers India. Recently an NGO has written to the Chief Minister of Haryana Sh. Manohar Lal Khattar to ban e-cigarettes in the state without any facts and substantial study. AVI warns the Haryana Government not to show any hurry before taking any decision without any research or study on public health. AVI Director Samrat Chowdhery said in a statement "Worldwide it is proven that e-cigarette is the best alternative



to quit smoking. Being 95% less harmful compared to tobacco cigarette, e-cigarette is a much safer option for inhaling nicotine and helps in protecting public interest.

Banning e-cigarette would deprive smokers of this safer option and hurt the cause of public health in a state where the smoking rate is already very high". According to the Global Adult Tobacco Survey 2016-17, the smoking rate in the state is at 19.7%. This is a dire situation, which could further deteriorate if the state government bans e-cigarette following the suggestion from the NGO, he also added.

In this context, Association of Vapers India (AVI), a nationwide group of e-cigarette users, would suggest that the state government regulate sale.