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Vishal Bhardwaj who is busy with the post production of his film Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola has added a new anti smoking song to the film sung by seven talented singers from the Sa Re Ga Ma Pa. Vishal was so impressed by their talent that he decided to give them a chance in his film.

The final print of Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola was supposed to be handed over to the director on Tuesday but the filmmaker halted the proceedings because he wanted to add this new song to the film at the last minute.

Vishal Bhardwaj his wife Rekha and Anushka Sharma went on the sets of Sa Re Ga Ma for the promotion of their film Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola on the 24th December. Vishal so impressed by the talented singers on the set that he selected seven singers Jasraj Joshi, Vishwajeet Borwankar, Renu Nagar, Shehnaz Akhtar, Jazim Sharma, Arshpreet Kaur and Mohd Aman invited them to his studios the next day to record the antismoking song for him immediately and attached the song and sent the print for further post production.

Titled khatra hai the song is penned by Gulzar and has music by Vishal himself. According to the latest theatrical laws, filmmakers need to display an anti-smoking message before their film. They have to attach a video displaying the cancerous effects of tobacco as well.

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Multitalented that he is Vishal thought wanted to use the slot in a creative way hence the inclusion of the song in the film. He has been personally monitoring the addition of the new song in the film that will be played before the film begins

Vishal Bhardwaj says “There are rules that have been levied on us about the anti-smoking campaign. So I thought how to be creative with it. I was drained with so much work. I didn’t want any changes but on Tuesday morning I played some tennis and felt all fresh.”