

## **Regarding MDMA drug manufacturing unit in Karnataka and the inaction of local police**

**SHRI YADUVEER WADIYAR (MYSORE):** Mysuru is a city known for its heritage, its education and its culture. Indeed, it is the cultural capital of Karnataka. It is a matter of great surprise that the city is now in the news for the uncovering of a synthetic drugs MDMA manufacturing centre. The worth of the drugs was reported to be around Rs. 390 crore. The drugs manufacturing unit was in plain sight of the authorities. Yet, no action was taken by the Karnataka Police. It is extremely shocking that it was the Maharashtra Police which came to Mysore and uncovered this drugs manufacturing unit. When asked, the Home Minister of Karnataka Government simply said that they failed. This attitude is weakening our institutions responsible for maintaining law and order in Karnataka.

Recently, in Udayagiri also, when a police station was attacked, no action was taken against the perpetrators of the attack. In the case of stampede in Bangalore, the police were simply scapegoated as being the perpetrators. The synthetic narcotics case points towards an operation that is crucially hampering the lives of youth in Mysore. It is also a matter of concern that in a recent raid in Gulbarga, the aid of the Minister of IT in the Karnataka Government was also caught in the same drug bust.

I would ask the Home Ministry through you, Sir, to launch an inter-State investigation into this matter and establish an NCB Task Force unit in Mysore until such activities are brought to an end.