

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:113
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2003
DRUG ABUSE
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news regarding `Police to curb medicinal drug abuse` appearing in the Asian Age, New Delhi dated 18 September 2003;
- (b) if so, the names of the drugs which are being commonly used by doctors in connivance with druggists and chemists;
- (c) the number of persons arrested so far;
- (d) whether any Drug Abuse Management has been formed by the Government;
- (e) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.113 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2003.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The prescription drugs commonly reported to be abused are Proxyvon, Phensedyl, Corex, Buprenorphine, Diazepam, Nitrazepam, Lorazepam and Tidigesic. However, there is no evidence to show that there is any connivance between the doctors and druggists in their unauthorized sale in Delhi.

(c): During the current year (upto 30th November, 2003), Delhi Police arrested five persons in connection with illegal possession or sale of prescription drugs capable of being abused by drug addicts.

(d) to (f): The Central Government has launched a Scheme for Prevention of Alcohol and Substance (Drugs) Abuse under which financial assistance is given to the Non-Governmental Organisations for prevention, awareness, treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts.