

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2459
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DRUG ADDICTION AMONG YOUTH
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tendency of drug addiction is increasing among the youths in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is formulating any plans in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any foreign hand behind the supply of such drugs;
- (e) if so, the names of such countries;
- (f) whether the crime has also increased due to the increase in the use of drugs; and
- (g) if so, the measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

(a),(b) & (c) : Any authentic report suggesting increase or decrease of drug addiction among the youths is not available. The Government is already implementing the Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse to deal with the problem of Drug Abuse/Addiction for the victims of Substance Abuse as a part of its drug demand reduction strategy, the major components of which are preventive awareness, motivational counselling, curative treatment and post- treatment rehabilitation of substance abusers.

(d) & (e): No such instance has come to notice.

(f) & (g) : There is no information available to suggest that there has been increase in crime due to the increase in the use of drugs.