

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DRUG ADDICTION AMONG WOMEN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether report released by United Nations Organisation of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has revealed that 90% of drug users across nine cities in India are women as reported in The Times of India dated September 18, 2005;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;
- (c) the names of such cities where, there are large number of women among drug- usrs;
- (d) whether the Government has found out the factors behind it;
- (e) if so the details thereof; and
- (f) the corrective measures taken by the Government to check growing menace of drug abuse among women?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (f) The National Survey on the Extent, Pattern and Trends of Drug Abuse in India indicates the prevalence of drug abuse among 371 women out of the sample size of 4648 persons which is only 8%. The Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse is being implemented through 350 NGOs for running 377 De-addiction Centres and 52 Counselling Centres all over the country for providing facilities like treatment, rehabilitation services and conducting awareness programme for victims of substance addiction.