

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

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Female Drug Users

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government or any related agency has conducted a survey to determine the number of female drug users in the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome of the survey and the corrective action taken in this regard; and
- (c) whether any treatment facilities are available for female drug users in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c): The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment implements a "Central Sector Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse" which Provides financial assistance to eligible Non-Government Organizations, Panchayati Raj Institution, Urban Local Bodies etc for running Integrated Rehabilitation Centres of Addicts (IRCA) to provide composite/integrated services for the rehabilitation of addicts including female drug users.

The IRCA provide the following services:

- i) Preventive Education and Awareness generation
 - (ii) Identification of addicts and motivational counselling to avail the services of IRCA
 - (iii) Detoxification and Whole Person Recovery
 - (iv) After care and follow-up
 - (v) Care and support to the families of addicts and social re-integration of the addicts.
- On an average about 250 IRCA are assisted each year by this Ministry.