

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problem of rampant drug abuse in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;
- (c) the number of De-addiction Centres functioning in the country, State-wise including Maharashtra and Karnataka; and
- (d) the total funds allocated/sanctioned by the Government for such centres during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) had conducted a National Survey on Drug Abuse in the year 2000-2001 wherein it was estimated that about 107 lakh persons in India were users of drugs. However, presently there is no authentic data to indicate the extent of drug abuse in the country.

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment provides financial assistance under the "Central Sector Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse" to Non Governmental Organisations, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local Bodies etc for running and maintenance of Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCA's).

The other steps taken/being taken by the Ministry to prevent drug abuse are as follows:

1. Under the above scheme, NGOs/Voluntary organisations are conducting programmes to create awareness and educate people about the ill effects of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse on the individual, family, the work place and society at large.
2. The Ministry organizes a function every year on 26th June as International Day against Drug Abuse. As part of this programme, rallies, paintings, campaign, workshops, seminars etc are organized at the national as well as state level. On this occasion, National Awards for outstanding services in the field of prevention of alcoholism and substance (drug) abuse are conferred to the Individuals and Institutions to encourage them and recognize their efforts.
3. The National Institute of Social Defence in collaboration with Regional Resource and Training Centre (RRTCs) and other collaborating partners organizes sensitization programmes in Schools and Colleges.

(c) & (d) State/UT wise funds released (including Maharashtra & Karnataka) and number of projects assisted during the last three years is enclosed as Annexure.