

Regarding rehabilitation facilities to combat drug abuse in Assam SHRI

PRADYUT BORDOLOI (NAWGONG): Sir, I would like to register my grave concern and urge upon the related Departments of the Government of India, especially, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Justice to take urgent action because the use of drugs and substance abuses are on the rise in this country.

You will be surprised to know that in the northeastern region, in certain remote areas of Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Mizoram, extensive poppy cultivation is expanding. Their processing plants have also been set up, thereby, there has been a rise of different types of drugs in the valleys of Assam and they are spreading throughout the country.

As per the report of NDDTC and AIIMS of 2019-20, over half of the total drug users of India come mainly from eight States, four of which are in the northeast itself. They are Assam, Manipur, Sikkim and Mizoram. My State, Assam, is reported to have over four lakh drug users with eight vulnerable districts including my constituency, Nawgong. Nawgong has become a conduit district. A large quantity of drugs is everyday coming out from that area and spreading to the rest of the country.

My request to the Government of India is to take urgent action to stop this menace. The Ministry should also establish rehabilitation centres and counselling centres so that the drug users can be put at bay and counselling can be done.