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GROWING DRUG ADDICTION AMONG STUDENTS AND YOUTHS

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the growing drug addiction among the school and college students and youth in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the effective steps taken/proposed to be taken to control drug addiction among College, University students and School children?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) & (b) The various studies and reports indicate a rising incidence of alcohol and drug abuse amongst certain vulnerable sections of the society which include students and youth.

(c) Under the Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse, the Ministry is providing financial support to the Non-Government Organizations for awareness programmes in different settings including educational institutions, counselling, treatment and rehabilitation services. During the Ninth Plan, on an average, an amount of approx Rs.18 crores has been disbursed annually to NGOs to provide these services all over the country. An amount of Rs.25.50 crores has been allocated during this financial year.