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DRUG ADDICTION

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the growing menace of drug addiction in the country, particularly among students;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has launched any drive to bring awareness among the students against ill-effects of such drugs ; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to prevent students against the menace ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(D. NAPOLEON)

(a) There is no authentic data to conclusively indicate that menace of drug abuse is growing in the country, particularly among students.

(b) & (c) The Government of India under its Scheme of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) abuse is providing financial assistance to Non-Governmental Organizations for running De-addiction centres under which one of the components is awareness generation for all category of persons including students.

This Ministry and Narcotics Control Bureau under Ministry of Home Affairs undertakes awareness and demand reduction activities, in liaison with NGOs against ill effects of the drug use, on the occasion of "International Day against Illicit Trafficking and Drug Abuse" observed on 26th June each year. Under this campaign, ill effects of the drugs are discussed with people so that correct information and life skills are available to young people to help them to choose a drug free and healthy life style. Information, Education and communication (IEC) materials like posters, banners, panels, brochures, audio and visual spots have been developed to impart knowledge about drugs through radio, television, newspapers and other mass media.