

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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RISING DRUG ABUSE

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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the UN Narcotics watchdog, International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) has blamed India for the rising drug abuse in neighbouring countries like Bangladesh and Bhutan;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a) to (c): No, Madam. However the Annual Report of International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) for the year 2009 mention that
- (i) widespread abuse of pharmaceutical preparation containing narcotic drugs such as codeine is an ongoing problem in Bangladesh and preparations are smuggled into Bangladesh from India and
  - (ii) Bhutan continued to report frequent seizures of pharmaceutical drugs containing benzodiazepines, which is a drug widely used in Bhutan and the suspected origin of the seized drugs were from India.