

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5138  
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ILLEGAL DRUG TRADE  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present strength of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in Punjab;
- (b) whether the Government is contemplating to introduce/ increase the field units of NCB in Punjab;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to curb illegal narcotic trade in the country including Punjab?

**Answer**

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

- (a): The sanctioned strength of Narcotics Control Bureau is twenty personnel in Punjab region.
- (b) to (d): There is a proposal to augment the strength of Narcotics Control Bureau set-up covering Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh areas by approximately 40 personnel.
- (e): Steps taken in general to check, detect and prevent illicit trafficking in the country including Punjab in narcotic trade include strict surveillance and enforcement at import and export points; improved coordination between the various drug law enforcement agencies; strengthening of intelligence apparatus; signing of conventions, bilateral agreements, MOUs and Mutual Assistance Treaties with foreign countries against illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; conducting training programmes for law enforcement officials etc.