

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH PROBLEMS DUE TO ALCOHOL ABUSE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether alcohol abuse causes major health problems in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of deaths and disabilities that occurred due to alcohol abuse during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to cure the alcohol related diseases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The data on deaths and disabilities that occur due to alcohol abuse during the last three years, State-wise is not maintained.
- (c) Though health is a state subject, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has established one National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre at Ghaziabad, additional five centres in Central Government institutions and has provided financial assistance to State Governments/UTs to establish 118 drug de-addiction treatment centres for the treatment of alcoholism and drug dependence with the help of trained doctors. Furthermore, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment provides treatment for alcoholism and drug dependence through 262 Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCA) run by NGOs.