

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2706  
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DRUG CONSUMPTION AND SMUGGLING  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are reports that in addition to being a major transit centre for drug smuggling, consumption of drugs is also increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): General trends indicate an increase in abuse of synthetic drugs / pharmaceutical preparations in the Country. Government has taken a number of steps to check, detect and prevent illicit drug trafficking such as strict surveillance and enforcement at import, export points and known drug routes; special efforts to deal with drug trafficking by internet pharmacy, Methamphetamine labs, courier parcels etc.; apex level coordination committees in the States to review the drug situation and take necessary steps to enforce the NDPS Act.; financial assistance to eligible States for strengthening their anti narcotics units; regional coordination meetings by Narcotics Control Bureau focusing on drug situation in region and conducting training programmes for law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills to combat drug trafficking.