

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DATA ON PEOPLE ADDICTED TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether due to vulnerable geographical position between two major drug producing zones, the Golden Triangle and the Golden Crescent, drug and alcohol abuse has become a major social concern in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any data regarding the number of people who are used to alcohol; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

- (a) There is no authentic data to conclusively indicate that drug and alcohol abuse has become a major social concern in the country.
- (b) and (c) In the year 2001, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in collaboration with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime carried out a National survey on extent, pattern and trends of drug abuse in India, During the survey 40,697 males within the age group of 12-60 years were interviewed in the whole country.

As per the survey, there were an estimated 62.26 million alcohol users in the country, out of which 16.8% were dependent users. However, looking into the country's population, the sample size is considered very small and therefore, these figures are only indicative.