

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DRUGS IN MEDICAL COLLEGES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether use of some drugs like Amphetamine (USAN) by the students in certain medical colleges to boost their performance has been reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to discourage the use of drugs among the students and also providing them medication and behavioural therapy?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c): The National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), Ghaziabad (U.P.), the national nodal drug de-addiction treatment centre, has denied any report of such misuse of the drug Amphetamine amongst students.

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is the nodal agency responsible for implementation of various demand reduction and rehabilitation programmes concerning alcohol and drug abuse in the country. That Ministry implements a Central Sector Scheme of "Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse and for Social defence Services" for identification, counselling, treatment and rehabilitation of addicts. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and other eligible organisations for running Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCAs) under which one of the components is awareness generation for all categories of persons, including students.

That Ministry has started, in collaboration with National Bal Bhawan, an awareness generation programme among the children of the age group of 12-16 years. The project is to be implemented by National Bal Bhawan through its network of 155 affiliated Bal Bhawans and 77 Bal Kendra during the current year. Awareness about ill effects of drugs will be generated among children through a series of activities like poster making, creative writing, lecture, rally, nukkad natak, etc at local, zonal and national level. The cost of the project is Rs.1.06 crore.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare also runs a limited Drug De-addiction Programme in the form of financially augmenting the medical facilities in Government hospitals for post-abuse treatment in the Central Government hospitals, State Government hospitals, and district level Government hospitals. This Ministry has also helped establish 122 drug de-addiction centres across the country of which 43 Centres have been established in the North Eastern Region. These also include NDDTC (AIIMS) and drug de-addiction centres at NIMHANS (Bangalore), PGIMER (Chandigarh), JIPMER (Puducherry), Dr. RML Hospital (New Delhi) and Smt. S.K. Hospital (New Delhi). The drug de-addiction centres at these Government hospitals not only provide de-addiction and rehabilitation services to the patients but also conduct workshops, research and training as well as awareness generation programmes in the area of drug de-addiction.