

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SALE OF DRUGS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether drugs are being sold in educational institutions including engineering colleges and students are getting stuck in the trap of various addictions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of persons arrested in sale of drugs in such institutions during the last three years;
- (d) the action taken by the Government against erring persons; and
- (e) the concrete steps being taken by the Government to make drug free environment in educational institutions/ student society?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Though there have been unconfirmed newspaper reports claiming selling of drugs in educational institutions, there is no conclusive report to prove that drugs are being sold in educational institutions including engineering colleges and students are getting stuck in the trap of various addictions.

(c) & (d): The question does not arise in view of reply to (a) & (b) above.

(e): The Government is committed to ensure a drug free environment in educational institutions/ student society. For this purpose, various measures have been taken as detailed below:-

(i) In accordance with the provisions of the National Curriculum Framework 2005, contents related to drug/substance abuse have been incorporated in the text books of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to make students understand the ill-effects of drug abuse on their health and future prospects in their formative age itself.

(ii) The National Population Education Project and Adolescence Education Programme are being implemented by 30 States/UTs and National Agencies [Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE), Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Sangathan (NVS)] to focus on concerns of drug abuse including tobacco – symptoms, effects, myths and misconceptions and its prevention by conducting various curricular and co-curricular activities with school students.

(iii) CBSE has reported that no sale of tobacco products inside the premises and within the radius of 100 yards from schools/ educational institutions is permitted and it has been made mandatory for the school authorities to display prominently signage in this regard near the main gate and on boundary wall of the school/ institution.

(iv) Every year, 26th June is celebrated as International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in various schools and other educational institutions where awareness is generated among students through campaigns, conducting seminars, workshops and exhibitions against drug abuse.

(v) Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) of Ministry of Home Affairs has reported that it carries out demand (for drugs) reduction activities in coordination and liaison with other drug law enforcement agencies, state police and NGOs.

(vi) Financial assistance is provided to eligible States for strengthening their narcotics units by NCB.

(vii) NCB has reported that it is implementing a scheme of monetary rewards for information leading to seizures of Narcotic drugs to informers and officers.