

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

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RISE IN DRUG ABUSE

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that drug abuse is on the rise among students in higher educational institutions in the country especially in Engineering Colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any action plan to tackle this problem; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There is no authentic data in this regard.

(c) & (d): All AICTE approved institutions from time to time are supposed to organize awareness programmes in the interest of the students to make a drug free educational institutions/ student society. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing a "Central Sector Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse" under which financial assistance is provided, inter-alia, to Non-Governmental Organisation, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local Bodies, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan for running Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCA) to provide composite/ integrated services for the rehabilitation of the addicts, including youth.