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PREVENTION OF DRUG ADDICTION

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing trend of addiction through drugs or other intoxicants amongst the youths in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to control drug addiction among youths including launching of awareness campaign through the various organisations working in the field;
- (c) whether a number of social/Governmental organisations/NGOs have been set up for de-addiction;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial assistance provided to them under the Central Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse;
- (e) whether the Government has received the proposals from various State/Union Territories seeking funds for operation of de-addiction-cum-rehabilitation centres during the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) if so, the amount allocated to the States/UTs especially Punjab for establishment and running of such centres and if not, the time by when it will be allocated?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): There is no authentic data in this regard. However, with the objective of addressing the problems, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse.

Besides, the Ministry in collaboration with the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Bal Bhavan has undertaken an awareness generation programme about the ill-effects of substance (drug) abuse. NYKS through its network of volunteers will create awareness about ill effects of alcoholism and drug abuse among the youths in 3750 villages of Punjab and Manipur through door to door campaign, wall writings, candle march, poster campaigns, street plays etc. National Bal Bhavan will create awareness about ill effects of drug abuse among the children of the age group of 12 to 16 years through a series of activities like poster making, creative writing, lecture, rally, nukkad natak etc at local, zonal and national level.

(c) to (f): Under the Ministry's Central Sector Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse, financial assistance is given to non-governmental organizations, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local Bodies, Nehru Yuva Sangathan for running and maintenance of Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCAs) on the basis of the recommendations of State level Grant- in-aid Committees along with satisfactory inspection reports furnished by the State Governments.

Funds are not released to State Governments under the Scheme. However, State/UT-wise allocation of funds, made on a notional basis, were communicated to States/ UTs to facilitate recommendation of proposals from the eligible agencies. Proposals duly recommended by the State Governments and received in the Ministry are examined as per norms, guidelines and availability of funds under the Scheme.

No recommendation has been received from any of the State Governments in the current year. State/UT-wise number of projects assisted vis-a-vis amount released under the Scheme during the last three years is given in the Annexure.