

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RURAL WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many rural women have reportedly become drug addicts and also get involved in anti-social activities with the passage of time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (c): There is no authentic data to indicate that the rural women are becoming drug addicts and also getting involved in anti-social activities with the passage of time.

However, the Government in the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse and for Social Defence Services for identification, counselling, treatment and rehabilitation of addicts including women through voluntary organizations. The financial assistance is provided to Non-Governmental Organizations and other eligible organisations for running Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCAs) and for awareness generation on ill-effects of drug abuse.