

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION  
LOK SABHA**

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NSSO SURVEY ON DRUG ABUSE  
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**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) plans to conduct a nationwide survey to assess the extent of drug abuse in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof?
- (c) whether the survey being undertaken will assess the number of drug users in the country, quantity of drug used, the regions where it is widely prevalent and the kind of help provided by rehabilitation centres; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b): National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) in the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, on the request of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, does have a plan to conduct a Pilot Survey on Extent of Drug Abuse in States of Punjab, Maharashtra and Manipur for testing the survey methodology. However, no decision has been taken so far to conduct a nationwide survey on the extent of drug abuse.

(c) & (d): As per the present plan for the pilot survey, it will be possible to estimate the number of drug users and their distribution by age, sex, marital status, educational status, category of drugs used as well as treatment seekers among them in three states mentioned above.