

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUTH
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that use of drugs among the youth including in school /college campuses is on the increase in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the youth from drug menace in the country;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to conduct awareness campaign to prevent the use of drugs in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) and (b) There is no authentic data available in this regard.

(c) to (e) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment provides financial assistance under the "Central Sector Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse" to Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local Bodies etc for inter-alia running and maintenance of Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCA) to provide composite integrated services for the rehabilitation of addicts including the youth. Government has taken the following steps to create awareness in society including the youth about the ill-effects of drug abuse:-

1. Under the above scheme, NGOs /Voluntary organizations conduct programmes to create awareness and educate people about the ill effects of Alcoholism and Substances (Drug) Abuse on the individual, family, work place and the society at large.
2. International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking is observed on 26th June each year. As part of this programme, rallies, paintings campaign, workshops, seminars etc are organized at the national as well as state level. On this occasion, National Awards for outstanding services in the field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (drug) abuse are conferred to the Individuals and Institutions to encourage them and recognize their efforts.
3. The NISD in collaboration with Regional Resource and Training Centres (RRTC) and other collaborating partners organizes sensitization programme in Schools and Colleges.
4. Information regarding ill-effects of drug abuse is also disseminated in regional languages through the All India Radio programme "Sanwanti Jayen Jeevan Ki Rahen".