

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SURVEY ON DRUG ABUSE

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to conduct fresh survey/pilot survey on the extent, pattern and trend of drug abuse in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the methodology and sampling design for the said survey;
- (c) whether the survey would cover all the States in the country or would be limited to a few States only;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether street children and homeless persons would also be covered under the survey, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) to (e) The Ministry has requested National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) to conduct a nationwide survey on extent, pattern and trend of alcohol and drug abuse. A pilot survey was conducted by NSSO during March-April 2010 in three cities viz. Mumbai, Amritsar and Imphal. The Ministry has also requested NSSO to carry out an advanced pilot survey in two states namely Punjab and Manipur.

At present, a Working Group has been constituted by the Ministry of Statistics of Programme Implementation, Government of India on Drug Abuse survey. The terms of reference of the Working Group, inter-alia, include recommending suitable methodology for a nation-wide survey on Drug Abuse to generate estimates at National and State level.