

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2956**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH MARCH, 2025/ CHAITRA 5, 1947 (SAKA)

INCREASE IN USAGE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS IN KERALA

2956 # SMT. P. T. USHA:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of increase in usage of narcotic drugs in Kerala, especially among the youth and adolescents;

(b) if so, details of the cases registered in Kerala, especially in crimes related to usage and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs in Kerala; and

(c) the steps being taken to create awareness among youth against drug consumption in the country, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E) in association with National Drug Dependence and Treatment Centre (NDDTC), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) conducted a survey on “*Magnitude of Substance Abuse in India*” to know the extent of drug abuse in India. As per the report, published in 2019, the details of estimated number of drug users in the State of Kerala is as under:

Children aged (10-17 yrs)	Cannabis	Opioids	Sedatives	Cocaine	ATS	Hallucinogens
	15000	31000	11000	1000	6000	11000
Adults (18-75 yrs)	352000	212000	132000	13000	31000	9100

Source: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

(b) As per latest data published by National Crime records Bureau (NCRB) pertaining to the year 2022, number of cases registered in Kerala under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 for possession of drugs for personal use/ consumption and possession of drugs for trafficking during the year 2020 to 2022 is as under: -

Year	Possession of drugs for personal use/ consumption	Possession of drugs for trafficking
2020	4582	386
2021	5098	597
2022	24959	1660

(c) To address the problem of Drug Abuse including youth, Government has formulated and implemented the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) under which the Government is taking a sustained and coordinated action for arresting the problem of substance abuse. This includes:

- (i) Launched Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) in all districts of the country through more than 10000 master volunteers. It has reached out to more-than 14.79 crore people including 4.96 crore youth and 2.97 crore women.**
- (ii) 350 Integrated Rehabilitation Centers for Addicts (IRCA) are supported by the Government to provide treatment for the drug victims, preventive education, awareness generation, motivational counseling, detoxification/de-addiction, after care and re-integration into the social mainstream.**
- (iii) 46 Community based Peer Led Intervention (CPLI) Centers supported by the Government focuses on vulnerable and at risk children and adolescents.**
- (iv) 74 Outreach and Drop In Centers (ODICs) supported by the Government provide safe and secure space for treatment, rehabilitation, screening, assessment, counseling, referral, linkage for treatment and rehabilitation services for substance users.**
- (v) 142 Addiction Treatment Facilities (ATFs) has been established in Government hospitals through All India Institute of Medical science (AIIMS), New Delhi.**

- (vi) **124 District De-addiction Centres (DDACs) which provides all three facilities provided by IRCA, ODIC and CPLI under one roof have been set up so far.**
- (vii) **A Toll-free Helpline No.14446 for de-addiction is operated for providing primary counseling and immediate assistance to persons seeking help.**
- (viii) **Government through its autonomous body National Institute of Social Defense (NISD) and other collaborating agencies like State Counsel of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), etc. provides for regular awareness generation and sensitization sessions for all stakeholders including students, teachers, parents.**
- (ix) **Navchetna Modules, Teachers Training Modules have been developed by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) for sensitizing students (6th – 11th standard), teachers and parents on drug dependence, related coping strategies and life skills.**
