

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3514  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2025**

**FATALITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO DRUG ADDICTION**

**3514. SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the comprehensive measures the Ministry is implementing to address drug addiction, including treatment protocols, public education, and preventive initiatives;
- (b) whether the Ministry maintains state-wise data on fatalities attributable to drug addiction, and if so, the current figures thereof;
- (c) the current capacity of Government-run hospitals and rehabilitation centers—including the number of specialist doctors deployed and whether there are plans for their expansion; and
- (d) the mechanisms in place to monitor and regulate private rehabilitation and de-addiction centers, and how compliance with established standards is ensured?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare provides comprehensive treatment to substance users/patients in 6 (six) Drug De-addiction Treatment Centres (DATCs) established in various Government hospitals and 27 Drug Treatment Clinics (DTCs) under the Drug De-addiction Programme.

Ministry has launched the *Standard Treatment Guidelines for the Management of Substance Use Disorders and Behavioural Addictions* in 2020 which provides detailed guidance on the management of substance use disorders and behavioural addictions. The 6 DATCs consists of indoor and outdoor treatment & counselling facilities. All DATCs have specialist doctors, nurses and are well equipped to provide treatment to the substance users/patients. In addition, the National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi (Ghaziabad) also carries out capacity building and training for doctors and nurses on the manual developed. Further, the 27 DTCs provide OPD treatment and counselling as per norms.

Department of Social Justice & Empowerment (DoSJ&E) is the nodal department for drug demand reduction in the country, which has taken various initiatives for public education and prevention. The DoSJ&E maintains a dedicated Toll- free helpline number “14446” for providing counselling and immediate referral services to the persons seeking help. They also conduct ‘Nasha Mukti Abhiyaan’ every year since August, 2020. For mass awareness, MOUs

are also signed between DoSJ&E & Spiritual organisations such as The Art of Living, Brahma Kumaris, Sant Nirankari Mission, ISKCON, Shri Ram Chandra Mission and All World Gayatri Pariwar.

(b) & (c) No such data is maintained centrally.

The list of specialist doctors deployed in the Six DATCs are as follows:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Institute</b>	<b>No. of Specialized Doctors</b>	<b>No. of beds for IPD treatment</b>
1.	National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre, All India Institute of Medical Sciences at Ghaziabad	23	50 Beds
2.	Centre for Addiction Medicine, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru	23	60 Beds
3.	Drug De-addiction & Treatment Centre, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh	11	20 Beds
4.	Drug De-addiction Treatment Centre, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar	3	10 Beds
5.	Drug De-addiction Treatment Centre, Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi	5	70 Beds
6.	CEIMH Department of Psychiatry, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi	3	20 Beds

Further, a dedicated wing (50 bedded) for women & adolescent patients in NDDTC, AIIMS, New Delhi (Ghaziabad) is under establishment. Government medical colleges and District hospitals also extend counselling treatment for substance users/patients.

(d) The DoSJ&E being the nodal Department maintains Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCAs) and Community based peer Led Intervention (CPLI) through NGOs and Voluntary Organisations.

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