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RAJYA SABHA
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DRUG-ADDICTED CHILDREN

2219 # DR. BHIM SINGH

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

(a) whether Government is implementing any special scheme/programme to identify drugaddicted minor children roaming on roads, footpaths, railway and bus stations and to provide them with de-addiction treatment, protection and hand them over to their families, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of such children identified and reunited with their families or sent to rehabilitation centres during the last three years and till date, State-wise details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) & (b): The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment has formulated the Scheme “National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)” to check alcohol and drug addiction among all citizens including children under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations for Preventive Education and Awareness Generation, Capacity Building, Programmes for Drug Demand Reduction by States/UTs etc, NGOs/VOs for running and maintenance of Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCA), Community based Peer Led intervention (CPLI) for early Drug Use Prevention among Adolescents, Outreach and Drop In Centres (ODIC) and District De-Addiction Centres (DDACs) and Government Hospitals for Addiction Treatment Facilities (ATFs).

The Department is supporting two Children De-Addiction Centres, details of which are as follows -

S.No.	Name of Organization and Address
1.	Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM), Central, Delhi
2.	Kha Manipur Yoga and Nature Cure Association, Kakching, Manipur

Following are the State –wise details of beneficiaries from the above 2 Children De-Addiction Centres during the last three years and in the current FY (till date) -

State	Name of the organization and address	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Delhi	Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM), Central, Delhi	0	168	37	0
Manipur	Kha Manipur Yoga and Nature Cure Association, Kakching, Manipur	1614	1092	544	501

The Department is also undertaking various activities under the Scheme to tackle the danger of drug addiction among children, the details of which are as follows -

i. Navchetna Modules, teacher training modules have been developed by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment for sensitizing students (6th-11th standard), teachers and parents on drug dependence, related coping strategies and life skills.

ii. A Toll-free Helpline for de-addiction, 14446 is being maintained by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for providing primary counselling and immediate referral services to the persons seeking help through this helpline. More than 4.69 Lakh calls have been received so far on the helpline number.
