

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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PANCHAYAT-LEVEL DRUG-FREE VILLAGE INITIATIVES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

1208. SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN

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

(a) whether any scheme or programme has been formulated for convergence of Panchayati Raj Institutions with the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) for grassroots-level drug awareness in villages, particularly in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of Gram Panchayats in Himachal Pradesh covered under such convergence and the funds allocated and released therefor, year-wise, during the last three years;

(c) whether any proposal(s) from Himachal Pradesh for expansion of such Panchayat-level initiatives is/are pending; and

(d) the reasons for delay, if any, in implementation of such proposals and the corrective measures being taken?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

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(a) & (b) No such scheme or programme has been formulated for convergence of Panchayati Raj Institutions with the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) for grassroots-level drug awareness in villages, particularly in Himachal Pradesh. However, under the Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) of NAPDDR Scheme, all Panchayati Raj Departments of the States/UTs including Himachal Pradesh have been requested to identify and engage Panchayat Resource Persons as Nasha Mukti Mitr (NMM) and also promote the mass pledge both online and offline against drug abuse as a movement at the grassroot level with the help of these NMMs and other local stakeholders. Further, it has also been requested to integrate these NMMs into existing awareness drives, utilizing the NMBA logo, NMBA mascot and de-addiction helpline number 14446.

Under the NAPDDR Scheme, funds are released to the State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations under State Action Plan (SAP) for preventive education and awareness generation, capacity building, programmes for drug demand reduction, etc. The details of funds released to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh under SAP during the last 3 years are as follows:

S.No.	Financial Year (FY)	Funds released
i.	2023-24	Nil
ii.	2024-25	Nil
iii.	2025-26	Rs. 1.34 Crore

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.
