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ASSESSMENT AND PREVENTION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any assessment regarding the prevalence of substance abuse among youth in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) the district-wise number of persons treated for drug addiction during the last five years;
- (c) the number of Government-run de-addiction centres presently functional; and
- (d) the steps taken to strengthen prevention, treatment and rehabilitation services?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

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(a) As per the National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in India conducted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment through National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) during 2018, prevalence of substance abuse and estimated number of users of various psychoactive substances in Jammu & Kashmir is as under:

Name of Substance	Prevalence of substance abuse (in %)	Estimated no. of users (Age 10-75)
Alcohol	3.50	3,90,000
Cannabis	1.31	1,40,000
Opioids	4.91	5,40,000
Sedatives	1.54	1,70,000
Inhalants	1.22	1,35,000
Cocaine	0.01	1,000
Amphetamines type stimulants	0.02	2,000
Hallucinogens	0.01	1,000

(b) The district-wise number of persons treated for drug addiction during the last five years is at **Annexure-I**.

(c) In Jammu and Kashmir, the Department is providing support to 1 Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCA), 3 Outreach and Drop In Centres (ODICs), 2 Community based Peer led Intervention (CPLIs), 6 District De-Addiction Centres (DDACs), and 21 Addiction Treatment Facilities (ATFs).

(d) The steps taken to strengthen prevention, treatment and rehabilitation services are at **Annexure-II**.

ANNEXURE-I**Annexure referred to part (b) in reply to Rajya Sabha ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2776 to be answered on 12.08.2026**

The district-wise number of persons treated for drug addiction in the centres supported by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, in Jammu and Kashmir, during the last five years is as under:

District	Number of persons treated for drug addiction				
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Anantnag	0	608	629	487	505
Bandipore	97	1148	6382	6175	5769
Baramulla	0	943	297	205	211
Budgam	193	473	231	154	2693
Doda	46	213	155	89	74
Jammu	2639	5573	6053	9152	9960
Kathua	0	476	393	281	337
Kishtwar	0	0	221	137	149
Kulgam	327	5241	5439	5709	5765
Kupwara	135	4200	4206	4548	4530
Poonch	0	0	61	120	214
Pulwama	255	441	330	1593	3433
Rajouri	0	714	5912	5777	5561
Samba	0	0	0	0	455
Shopian	89	318	136	96	82
Srinagar	1601	7495	6143	6023	6204
Udhampur	0	0	0	0	549
Total	5382	27843	36588	40546	46491

Annexure referred to part (d) in reply to Rajya Sabha ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2776 to be answered on 12.08.2026

The steps taken to strengthen prevention, treatment and rehabilitation services are as under:

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is the nodal Ministry for drug demand reduction in the country. To tackle the issue of substance use, this Department formulated and is implementing National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which financial assistance is provided to:

- i. State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations for Preventive Education and Awareness Generation, Capacity Building, Programmes for Drug Demand Reduction by States/UTs etc.
- ii. NGOs/VOs for running and maintenance of Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCAs), 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
- iii. Government Hospitals for Addiction Treatment Facilities (ATFs).

Following activities have been undertaken under NAPDDR scheme across the country:

- i. 344 Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCAs) that provide in-patient treatment to drug users along with counselling, detoxification/de-addiction, after-care and re-integration into the social mainstream.
- ii. 45 Community based Peer led Intervention (CPLI) programmes work with children below 18 years age to create awareness against drugs and teach life skills.
- iii. 76 Outreach and Drop In Centres (ODICs) which provide safe and secure space with provision of screening, assessment and counselling and thereafter provide referral and linkage to treatment and rehabilitation services.
- iv. 155 Addiction Treatment Facilities (ATFs) in Government hospitals.
- v. 145 District De-Addiction Centres (DDACs) which provides all three facilities provided by IRCA, ODIC & CPLI under one roof.
- vi. In Jammu and Kashmir, the Department is providing support to 1 IRCA, 3 ODICs, 2 CPLIs, 6 DDACs, and 21 ATFs.
- vii. 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. Till date, more than 4.6 lakh calls has been received, including more than 11,000 calls from Jammu and Kashmir.

viii. Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) was launched on 15th August 2020 by Department of Social Justice & Empowerment in 272 identified most vulnerable districts on the basis of the inputs received from NCB from supply side and on the basis of the findings of the 1st National Survey and now it has been extended to all districts of the country since August 2023. Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan intends to reach out to the masses and spread awareness about substance use with focus on higher educational Institutions, university campuses & schools.

ix. With the constant support of all the States, NMBA has been able to reach and sensitize more than 29.05 Crore people, including more than 11.05 Crore youth and 7.81 Crore women, through extensive awareness and outreach activities conducted across the country. 1.17 lakh + Nasha Mukti Mitrs have joined the campaign.

x. In Jammu and Kashmir, till now more than 1.20 Crore people have been sensitized, including more than 69.14 lakh youth and 51.20 lakh women, through extensive awareness and outreach activities. 8,565 Nasha Mukti Mitrs have joined the campaign in Jammu and Kashmir.
