

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.651**  
ANSWERED ON 24/07/2023

**INCREASE OF DRUG ABUSE CASES IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

651. SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing cases of drug abuse in the educational institutions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has seized narcotics and psychotropic substances in educational institutions of the country; and
- (d) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last five years and current year, State/UT-wise and year-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. There is no confirmed report to conclude that drug addiction is spreading in education campuses which is spoiling the students. Nevertheless, the Government is committed to create a drug free healthy educational environment in various education campuses. University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued advisories to HEIs from time to time. On 06.09.2016, UGC issued advisory to stay away from addiction of intoxicants. Subsequently on 04.03.2020, UGC issued advisory to chart out action plan to confront the drug menace. Recently on 23.06.2023, UGC issued advisories to administer e-pledge and also take other measures during 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Pakhwada' to observe, 'International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking.

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