# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

### LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 442

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE  $15^{TH}$  SEPTEMBER, 2020/ BHADRAPADA 24, 1942 (SAKA)

### **NEXUS OF FILM INDUSTRY IN DRUG TRAFFICKING**

#### 442. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted a detailed inquiry in the nexus between people in the film industry and those involved in drug trade during the COVID-19 lockdown; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### ANSWER

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) carries out search, seizure, arrest and investigation continuously throughout the year on the actionable inputs developed on its own and/or on receipt from other sources.

During the period of COVID-19 lockdown, no such actionable inputs were received by NCB revealing the nexus between people in the film industry and drug traffickers.

However, a case in this regard has been registered by NCB Mumbai Zonal unit on 28.08.2020. Till date, in this case 10 persons have been arrested. Drugs such as Ganja, Hashish, Tetra Hydro Cannabinol and Lysergic acid De-ethylamide have been seized in the operation.

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