

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1555**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07th DECEMBER, 2021/AGRAHAYANA 16,1943 (SAKA)

SEIZURE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

1555. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of increased instances where the youth are being deployed as narcotic drugs carriers with confiscated material often running into kilograms and operating under criminal networks, especially in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the total seizure of narcotic drugs from the State of Kerala during the last three years and current year with gender-wise details;

(c) whether the Government is intending to engage in awareness creation programmes against proliferation of drugs in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) & (b) Details of seizure of drugs in the state of Kerala as per the latest data published by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) pertaining to the year 2020 is at Annexure-I. The seizure made from youth, irrespective of gender, being deployed as narcotic drugs carriers, is not published separately by NCRB.

(c) & (d): The Government is taking a sustained and coordinated action for arresting the problem of drug abuse. This includes:

- i. Launching of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) in 272 vulnerable districts. Under this, a massive community outreach is being done involving youth volunteers.**
- ii. Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCA) are being run for treating the drug users and to provide services of preventive education, awareness generation, motivational counseling, detoxification/de-addiction, after care and re-integration into the social mainstream.**
- iii. Community-based Peer led Intervention (CPLI) Centers are in operation with focus on vulnerable and at risk children and adolescents. Under this, peer educators engage children for awareness generation and life skill activities.**
- iv. Setting up and maintaining Outreach and Drop In Centers (ODICs) to provide safe and secure space for substance users, with provision of screening, assessment and counseling. It also provides referral and linkage to treatment and rehabilitation services for substance dependence.**
- v. Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) also facilitates awareness programme in Government & Private schools / colleges / other educational institutes all**

over India. NCB officials visit de-addiction centers to spread awareness about health issues related to drug abuse.

- vi. International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26th June is organized every year to spread awareness among the general public about the ill effects of drug abuse and drug trafficking through various social media platforms by way of Audio/Video messages of eminent personalities from the field of Politics, Bureaucracy, Sports, Films, Music etc. and also through Telecom Service Providers, FM radios, Television Channels, etc.**
- vii. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E) and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) with the assistance of NCB spread awareness against drug abuse and protect the youth, especially the children, from falling prey to the drug menace. NCPCR formulated a “Joint Acton Plan on Prevention of Drugs and Substance Use among Children and Illicit Trafficking” which was launched on 08.02.2021.**

Details of Category-wise quantity of drugs seized from the State of Kerala under Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act during last three years:-

S.No.	Category of Drugs	2018			2019			2020		
		Kgs.	Nos.	Ltrs.	Kgs.	Nos.	Ltrs.	Kgs.	Nos.	Ltrs.
1	Opium Based Drugs	0.697	0	0	2.081	0	0	0.014	0	0
2	Cannabis Based Drugs	1370.289	0	0	2510.934	0	0	3030.024	0	0
3	Cocaine	0.083	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Psychotropic Substances	4.455	0	0	0.135	0	0	2.042	0	0
5	Medicinal Preparations	0.04	12691	0.012	12.12	4745	0	3.358	1392	2.1
6	Drug Precursor- Acetic Anhydride	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Other Drugs	2.761	8384	0	23.205	916	0	25.021	52	0
	G.Total	1378.325	21075	0.012	2548.475	5661	0	3060.459	1444	2.1