

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2429
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2024**

DRUG ADDICTION

†2429. SMT. GENIBEN NAGAJI THAKOR:

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

- (a) the measures being taken by the Government to address the rising cases of drug addiction across the country including Gujarat;
- (b) whether any measures have been taken by the Government for de-addiction of the drugaddict youth in Gujarat during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the methods being used for the said purpose;
- (d) whether any funds have been allocated for the said purpose in Gujarat; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof,district-wise ?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

(a) to (c) The details of measures being taken by the Government to address the rising cases of drug addiction across the country including Gujarat is attached at **Annexure-I**.

(d) to (e) Under National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR), funds are released to States/ UTs by the Ministry for State Action Plan and to NGOs to carry out activities as envisaged in the scheme guidelines . The funds released to Gujarat during the last three financial years are as under:

Financial Year	Fund released (Rs. in crores)
2021-22	2.35
2022-23	2.53
2023-24	3.11

Reply to point (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha admitted Unstarred Q.No. 2429 for 10.12.2024 on "Drug Addiction"

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 (IRCA), 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)
2. The following Activities have been undertaken under NAPDDR scheme:
- i. 347 Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCA) that provide in-patient treatment to drug users along with counselling, detoxification/de-addiction, after care and re-integration into the social mainstream. **Out of these 347 IRCA, 7 IRCA are located in Gujarat.**
 - ii. 46 Community based Peer led Intervention (CPLI) programmes work with children below 18 to create awareness against drugs and teach life skills. **Out of these 46 CPLI, 3 CPLI are located in Gujarat.**
 - iii. 74 Outreach and Drop In Centres (ODIC) which provide safe and secure space with provision of screening, assessment and counselling and thereafter provide referral and linkage to treatment and rehabilitation services. **Out of these 74 ODIC, 3 ODIC are located in Gujarat.**
 - iv. 117 Addiction Treatment Facilities (ATF) in Government hospitals. **Out of these 117 ATF, 5 ATF are located in Gujarat.**
 - v. 71 District De-Addiction Centres (DDAC) which provides all three facilities provided by IRCA, ODIC & CPLI under one roof. **Out of these 71 DDAC, 1 DDAC is located in Gujarat.**
 - vi. All of these facilities have been **geo-tagged** .
 - vii. A Toll-free Helpline for de-addiction, 14446 is being maintained by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for providing primary counseling and immediate referral services to the persons seeking help through this helpline.
 - viii. Navchetna Modules, teacher training modules have been developed by MoSJE for sensitizing students (6th -11th standard), teachers and parents on drug dependence, related coping strategies and life skills.

ix. Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) was launched on 15th August 2020 by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in 272 identified most vulnerable districts and now it has been extended to all districts across the country. Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan intends to reach out to the masses and spread awareness about substance use with focus on higher educational Institutions, university campuses & schools, reaching out & identifying dependent population, focus on counselling & treatment facilities in hospitals & rehabilitation centres and Capacity building programmes for service providers.

3. Till now, through the various activities undertaken on-ground under NMBA, 13.57+ crore people have been sensitized on substance use including 4.42+ crore Youth and 2.71+ crore Women. Participation of 3.85+ Lakh educational institutions has ensured that the message of the Abhiyaan reaches children and youth of the country. In the State of Gujarat under NMBA, 28.60+ lakh people have been sensitized on substance use including 7.69+ lakh Youth, 1.39+ lakh Women and with participation of more than 7000 educational institutions.
